

HRSA Funding for Preventive Medicine Residency Training Programs

Talking Points

- Detail the background on the Preventive Medicine specialty and PM residency training requirements:
 - Recognized as the gold standard for physician public health training
 - Dual clinical and population focus
 - Three year training requirement
 - Only medical residents who graduate from residency training with both MD/DO and MPH degrees and who have applied their public health training in a variety of healthcare settings.
- Explain why you are here:
 - PMR programs lack a stable and dedicated federal funding stream to support residency training.
 - PM residents are among the only residents whose GME costs are not supported by Medicare, Medicaid, or other government programs.
 - Lack of stable funding has hampered our ability to train physicians. Program directors are turning away applicants simply because the funds are not there to subsidize training.
 - Today there are 383 residents enrolled in PMR training programs, down from a high of 434 in 1996. Further, only about half of the approved resident slots (709) are being filled.
 - In (state) we are only training X number of residents out of Y number of approved slots. (state-specific information here)
- Overview of PM careers or workplaces of PM physicians by setting.
 - Common [job functions](#) and [employment settings](#) of PM physicians.
 - Note the impact of PM physicians in the health system:
 - PM physicians are experts in disease prevention, health promotion, disaster preparedness, quality improvement, and patient safety.
- **Make your ask:**
 - Allocate \$12 million to the Health Services and Resources Administration (HRSA) in FY18 to support Preventive Medicine Residency Training programs.