



Teaching Health Centers & the Affordable Care Act

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Affordable Care Act (ACA)

- Sec. 5508 of Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, “Increasing Teaching Capacity”
- Components
 - Section 749A (Title VII), “Teaching Health Centers Development Grants”
 - Section 338C(a), “National Health Service Corps Teaching Capacity”
 - Section 340H (Title III), “Payments to Qualified Teaching Health Centers”



What is a Teaching Health Center?

- “Community based, ambulatory patient care center”
- “Operates a primary care residency program”
- Specifically Includes
 - FQHC
 - Community mental health clinics
 - Rural health clinics
 - IHS or tribal health centers
 - Title X clinics



What is a Teaching Health Center?

- Primary care residency program includes
 - Family medicine
 - Internal medicine
 - Pediatrics
 - Medicine-pediatrics
 - Obstetrics-gynecology
 - Psychiatry
 - General and pediatric dentistry
 - Geriatrics



Development grants

- Authorized grants to cover costs of establishing or expanding residency
 - Curriculum development
 - Recruitment, training and retention of residents and faculty
 - Accreditation
 - Faculty salaries during development
 - Technical assistance



Development Grants

- Grants up to 3 years, maximum of \$500,000
- Authorized up to \$50m per year
- Preference for AHEC linkage
- Technical assistance grants



NHSC Teaching

- Full-time clinical practice
- Up to 50 percent time spent teaching by a member of Corps can count toward service obligation



GME Payments to THC

- Part D of title III of Public Health Service Act
- Payments for direct and indirect expenses to qualified teaching health centers that are **listed as sponsoring institutions by the relevant accrediting body** for expansion of existing or establishment of new approved graduate medical residency training programs.



GME Payments to THC

- Appropriated up to \$230 million for FY 2011-2015
- Direct + Indirect expenses
- $DME = \text{Per Resident Amount} \times \text{FTE}$
- IME to be determined



GME Payments to THC

- In addition to existing Medicare GME payments
- Do not count against Medicare hospital caps
- Do not include inpatient FTE claimed by hospital



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