

Graduate Medical Education

It is Essential

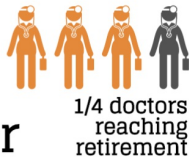
A Look at GME Funding, Challenges, and Losses



We Need More Doctors



Texas' growing and aging population combined with retiring doctors



Outpaces need for new physicians supply

How To Make A Doctor

Medical School

4 yrs



Residency (GME)

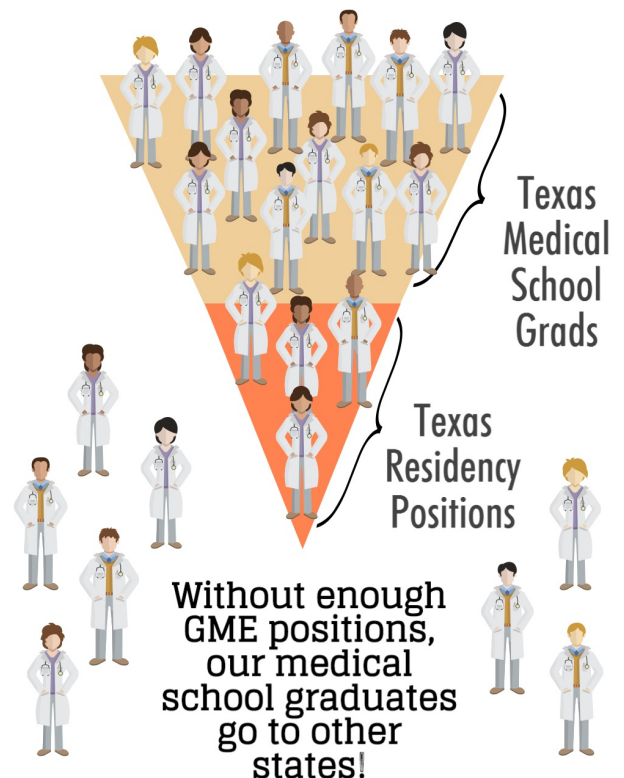
3+ yrs



THE BOTTLENECK

We have more medical school graduates, but

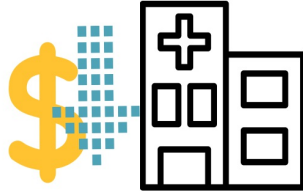
there are not enough GME residencies



What is the Problem?

Lack of Funding

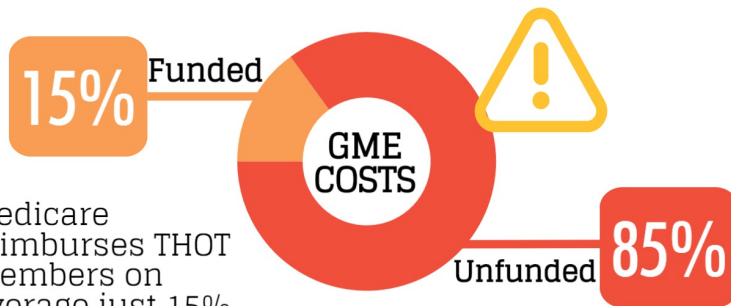
Medicare is the primary source of GME funding, BUT payments are based on 30 year old formulas and do not incorporate population growth or physician shortages.



Since then, a lot has changed!



Now the residency cap is too low & current funding does not cover existing residencies



Medicare reimburses THOT members on average just 15% of GME costs.

THOT members face unreimbursed costs of over \$78,000 in unfunded GME costs per resident per year.



WHAT CAN WE DO?



Shore-up Investment

- ✓ Continue GME Grants
- ✓ Restore Formula Funding
- ✓ Consider Medicaid Match to help existing residencies



Support Senate Joint Resolution

- ✓ Increase federal funding for residencies.
- ✓ Ask Congress to revise GME funding allocations so Texas gets its fair share.



Open the cap

We Are Committed

to continued funding of graduate medical education and ensuring more physicians entering our Texas health care system.



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