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ITEM 177-102-R1117

Proposed New Policy 940.24 – Contract Requirements for the University of Washington Cooperative Medical Education Program (WWAMI)

THAT

OCHE seeks approval of a new policy to implement the provisions of SB341, passed by the 2017 Montana Legislature and codified as §20-25-810, MCA. SB341 established requirements for contracts involving participation in the Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho (WWAMI) regional medical education program, revised the fee students pay into Montana Rural Physician Incentive Program (MRPIP) fund, and established repayment requirements for students failing to honor their contract requirements.

EXPLANATION

Proposed BOR Policy 940.24 implements the provisions of §20-25-810, MCA, to establish contracts for individuals participating in the WWAMI cooperative medical education program through the University of Washington School of Medicine. Montana students who enter the WWAMI medical education program, beginning with the 2018-2019 academic year (AY) entering class and forward, will sign a contract stating whether they will commit to enter active full-time medical practice in Montana for a minimum period of 3 years within 1 year of the completion of their professional medical training, or if they will pay the annual MRPIP fee at a rate of 2.5 times the established MRPIP fee in lieu of the practice obligation.

ATTACHMENT(S)

Attachment #1 - Proposed BOR Policy 940.24.