

ITEM 152-1002-R0911

Sponsorship for the Family Medicine Residency of Western Montana

THAT

The Montana Board of Regents approves The University of Montana to be the Sponsoring Institution for the Family Medicine Residency of Western Montana (FMRWM).

EXPLANATION

The purpose of the Family Medicine Residency of Western Montana (FMRWM) is to develop primary care residency positions necessary to meet western Montana's need for physicians. Montana has the lowest ratio of graduate medical education (GME) training positions (two per 100,000) of any state in the U.S. with the national median being 25. Physicians tend to practice medicine where they last trained (over the past ten years, 70% of the Billings family medicine graduates have stayed in Montana).

The University of Montana has several health professional academic programs and it is vitally important for students in these academic programs to have opportunities to learn from and interact with other health care professionals, such as Family Practice Medical Residents.

Four medical facilities and The University of Montana have collaborated to create a three-year family medicine residency program for western Montana. Those four medical facilities are Community Medical Center, St. Patrick Hospital, Kalispell Regional Medical Center, and Missoula's Partnership Health Center.

Documents have been prepared to submit to the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) necessary in order for the Residency Program to become accredited. Accreditation is necessary in order for Program participants to become board-certified and before the Program can participate in the National Resident Matching Program.

The participating hospitals and community health centers will earn patient services revenues and will reimburse The University of Montana as the Sponsoring Institution the total costs required to coordinate the Residency Program.

ATTACHMENTS

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