

Recommendations for GME  
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**Rationale**

Currently, Nevada is one of the states with the lowest rate per capita of active primary care physicians, along with Mississippi, Utah, Texas and Idaho, according to the AAMC. The need for more doctors is so critical that the development of medical education, physician recruitment, and retention efforts must begin immediately to produce physicians that will remain in Nevada, assuring both public health and economic opportunity for all residents. The State of Nevada must expand its medical education, research, and clinical missions in order to meet growing needs.

Financial support of GME is necessary to ensure the continued supply of well-trained physicians required to improve the health and well-being of our residents. Public funding of GME should encourage physician training that supports better care which leads to better health outcomes and lower costs. Strong collaborative relationships and unity of purpose are key factors in fulfilling the ultimate vision of improved healthcare access, improved quality of care, and sustainable economic impact statewide.

**Recommendations include:**

1. Create an oversight body for GME expansion and fiduciary responsibility.
2. Maximize financial options as outlined by HHS for continued sustainability of GME programs in addition to direct state appropriations.
3. Funds made available should support both expansions and startup GME programs.
4. Establish quantitative metrics for tracking and reporting purposes.
5. Incentivize consortium models where 2 or more partners share resources for GME expansion.
6. Promote the use/inclusion of Community Health Centers/FQHCs in the expansion of GME statewide.
7. Prioritize primary and behavioral health GME programs.