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# 42 U.S. Code § 256h

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## Program of payments to teaching health centers that operate graduate medical education programs

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### **(a) Payments**

#### **(1) In general**

Subject to subsection (h)(2), the Secretary shall make payments under this section for direct expenses and indirect expenses to qualified teaching health centers that are listed as sponsoring institutions by the relevant accrediting body for, as appropriate—

- (A) maintenance of filled positions at existing approved graduate medical residency training programs;
- (B) expansion of existing approved graduate medical residency training programs; and
- (C) establishment of new approved graduate medical residency training programs.

#### **(2) Per resident amount**

In making payments under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall consider the cost of training residents at teaching health centers and the implications of the per resident amount on approved graduate medical residency training programs at teaching health centers.

#### **(3) Priority**

In making payments under paragraph (1)(C), the Secretary shall give priority to qualified teaching health centers that—

- (A) serve a health professional shortage area with a designation in effect under section 254e of this title or a medically underserved community (as defined in section 295p of this title); or
- (B) are located in a rural area (as defined in section 1395ww(d)(2)(D) of this title).

### **(b) Amount of payments**

#### **(1) In general**

Subject to paragraph (2), the amounts payable under this section to qualified teaching health centers for an approved graduate medical residency training program for a fiscal year are each of the following amounts:

##### **(A) Direct expense amount**

The amount determined under subsection (c) for direct expenses associated with sponsoring approved graduate medical residency training programs.

##### **(B) Indirect expense amount**

The amount determined under subsection (d) for indirect expenses associated with the additional costs relating to teaching residents in such programs.

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