

OHIO COUNCIL OF MEDICAL SCHOOL DEANS

About

Established in 1993, the Ohio Council of Medical School Deans is the partnership of Ohio's seven medical colleges working together to improve our health care workforce and the health of all Ohioans.



Initiatives

- **Train physicians in high-need specialties** to ensure a better distribution of needed care providers throughout the state.
- **Advance Ohio's new medicines, procedures and technologies** by leading the coordination of information and resources.
- **Increase opportunities** for biomedical and applied health research.
- **Innovate physician education** and patient care.
- **Improve underserved Ohioans' access** to high-quality, economical and compassionate health care.
- **Ensure medical students of all backgrounds are prepared to succeed**, excel and lead the next generation of health care providers right here at home - in Ohio.

134th GA Budget Priorities

Clinical Teaching

This investment supports the costs of clinical training for Ohio's public medical students. Clinical training is fundamental to the education of physicians and Ohio's health care professionals. Funding supports our work in all four years of physician education.

Area Health Education Centers (AHEC)

The AHEC line sustains the Administration's strategic goals of providing healthcare access for patients in rural and underserved areas. Recruitment programs target minority and first-generation youth to encourage them to become physicians and healthcare providers.

Family Practice

This appropriation ensures training in the departments of Family Medicine within each medical college in Ohio, both public and private. All medical schools are required to establish and maintain departments of Family Medicine.

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Primary Care Residencies

These line items uphold student recruitment in rural and urban underserved areas across our state for life-long service in primary care. This investment in Ohio's workforce develops, advances and retains homegrown talent and care by ensuring early exposure to primary care in the first years of medical school. Graduates go on to provide care in the underserved communities they call home.

Geriatric Medicine

This funding line preserves education training for the care of vulnerable, elderly Ohioans – including those who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid.

State Share of Instruction

Support for SSI ensures medical education is within reach for students at public medical schools.

Meeting Tomorrow's Needs Today

The Ohio Council of Deans is committed to helping our state's leaders address the healthcare needs across Ohio. We prepare future physicians and support programs to address the health care needs of all Ohioans, including in rural and medically underserved communities.

To fulfill our commitment to Ohio, the Council respectfully requests the upcoming budget include pre-COVID funding (FY 20-21 levels) for the clinical teaching line. With this support, the Council and its member medical schools will continue to educate and train the next generation of physicians who are essential to addressing the health care needs of Ohioans during this health crisis. Decreased levels of funding for curriculum and programming will compromise the clinical experiences of Ohio's medical students, potentially impacting the most in need.

The Covid-19 pandemic has also brought a renewed focus on telehealth services in health care. **Should the opportunity be available to further fund telehealth services, the Council would respectfully request a \$500,000 allocation to each medical school to assist in these efforts.** Funding would support enhancing curriculum in telehealth, training area physicians in telehealth, and making health care more accessible and affordable in rural areas of Ohio.

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