



NEW MEXICO FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM SUMMARY

The State of New Mexico has been extremely proactive in meeting the need to increase FM residency training in NM. As such they have created a “Medicaid Teaching Health Center program”. The New Mexico Legislature passed and Governor Martinez signed a measure in 2014 that allows FQHCs to develop new or expanded primary care residency programs and be paid the incremental costs of residency training on a per resident per year basis. This approach encourages community-based training.

Funding for this program will be administered by the NM Human Services Department Medical Assistance Division (Medicaid). The financing of the program is made possible through the “change in scope” provisions in Medicaid regulations for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC). Planning and Technical Assistance funds have been obtained by the Southwest Center for Health Innovation and the New Mexico Primary Care Training Consortium to support local training.

There are several family medicine residency training models that may be eligible for this funding mechanism. They are:

- Full three year FM residency based out of and sponsored by a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC);
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- Increasing the number of residents at the FQHC for an existing residency program.

All accredited residency programs must meet the common and the specialty specific standards, criteria and requirements set forth by the American Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). As of January, 2014, Sponsoring Institutions, regardless of the number of programs they have, must be accredited by ACGME as a Sponsoring Institution before they may submit an application for a specific residency program.