



Graduate Medical Education: An Investment in Health Care Access for Years to Come

In 2017 the Idaho State Board of Education created the Graduate Medical Education Council and established a 10-year strategic plan to support legislative decisions that will grow medical residency programs in Idaho. Now entering year four of the plan, Idaho has made significant progress, especially in family medicine. Idaho has grown from five family medicine programs in 2017 to eight with the additions of family medicine residency programs in Nampa, Rexburg, and Idaho Falls.

Additional residency programs developed in this time include psychiatry in Pocatello and internal medicine in Idaho Falls. There has also been expansion of the Boise psychiatry residency programs, two new Fellowships in addiction medicine and one new fellowship in behavioral health.

Graduate Medical Education funding recommended by the Governor for Fiscal Year 2022, would maintain current levels and cover 15 additional residents in family medicine and psychiatry. When we invest in training physicians in Idaho, they are more likely to live and practice here, which supports our physician work force. Access to Idaho-based physicians, especially in rural areas of the state, supports shared goals of healthier communities and health care integration and value through bolstering the Patient Centered Medical Home.

By 2028 Idaho will have 19 residency programs in family medicine, internal medicine, psychiatry, pediatrics, general surgery, emergency medicine, eight fellowships and the ability to train 2,000 additional physicians in Idaho.

Growth in GME 2017-2028		
	2017	2028
GME Residency Programs	9	21
GME Fellowship Programs	4	9
Residents and Fellows training in Idaho/year	141	356
Number of Graduates from Idaho's program/year	52	124
Residents per 100,000 Idahoans	6.7	17.7

Source: Idaho State Board of Education