

**Representative Steve Eliason** proposes the following substitute bill:

**PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE AMENDMENTS**

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Steve Eliason**

Senate Sponsor: Evan J. Vickers

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill makes changes to physician workforce programs.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ allows an entity that has previously been awarded a residency grant to submit information to be able to renew the grant; and
- ▶ modifies provisions related to the forensic psychiatric fellowship grant program.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**26B-4-711**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 307

**26B-4-712**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 307

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **26B-4-711** is amended to read:



26           **26B-4-711. Residency grant program.**

27           (1) As used in this section:

28           (a) "D.O. program" means an osteopathic medical program that prepares a graduate to  
29 obtain licensure as a doctor of osteopathic medicine upon completing a state's licensing  
30 requirements.

31           (b) "M.D. program" means a medical education program that prepares a graduate to  
32 obtain licensure as a doctor of medicine upon completing a state's licensing requirements.

33           (c) "Residency program" means a program that provides training for graduates of a  
34 D.O. program or an M.D. program.

35           (2) UMEC shall develop a grant program where a sponsoring institution in Utah may  
36 apply for a grant to establish a new residency program or expand a current residency program.

37           (3) An applicant for a grant shall:

38           (a) provide the proposed specialty area for each grant funded residency position;

39           (b) identify where the grant funded residency position will provide care;

40           (c) (i) provide proof that the residency program is accredited by the Accreditation  
41 Council for Graduate Medical Education; or

42           (ii) identify what actions need to occur for the proposed residency program to become  
43 accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education;

44           (d) identify how a grant funded residency position will be funded once the residency  
45 program exhausts the grant money;

46           (e) agree to implement selection processes for a residency position that treat applicants  
47 from D.O. programs and applicants from M.D. programs equally;

48           (f) agree to provide information identified by UMEC that relates to post-residency  
49 employment outcomes for individuals who work in grant funded residency positions; and

50           (g) provide any other information related to the grant application UMEC deems  
51 necessary.

52           (4) UMEC shall prioritize awarding grants to new or existing residency programs that  
53 will:

54           (a) address a workforce shortage, occurring in Utah, for a specialty; or

55           (b) serve an underserved population, including a rural population.

56           (5) (a) An applicant that receives a grant under this section may apply, every two years,

57 to renew the grant for two years.

58 (b) An applicant to renew a grant under Subsection (5)(a) shall provide a statement  
59 that:

60 (i) the applicant applied for federal funding and was not awarded federal funding in an  
61 amount that fully funds each grant funded residency position; or

62 (ii) the funding the applicant described in Subsection (3)(d) is unavailable to the  
63 applicant.

64 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) [Before November 1, 2023, and each November 1 thereafter,] On or before  
65 November 1 of each year, UMEC shall provide a written report to the Higher Education  
66 Appropriations Subcommittee describing:

67 (a) which sponsoring institutions received a grant;

68 (b) the number of residency positions created; and

69 (c) for each residency position created:

70 (i) the type of specialty;

71 (ii) where the residency position provides care; and

72 (iii) an estimated date of when a grant funded residency position will no longer need  
73 grant funding.

74 Section 2. Section **26B-4-712** is amended to read:

75 **26B-4-712. Forensic psychiatrist fellowship grant.**

76 (1) As used in this section, "forensic psychiatry" means the provision of services by an  
77 individual who:

78 (a) is a licensed physician;

79 (b) is board certified or board eligible for a psychiatry specialization recognized by the  
80 American Board of Medical Specialists or the American Osteopathic Association's Bureau of  
81 Osteopathic Specialists; and

82 (c) uses scientific and clinical expertise in legal contexts involving the mental health of  
83 individuals.

84 (2) UMEC shall establish a grant program that will facilitate the creation of a single  
85 forensic psychiatrist fellowship program.

86 (3) An applicant for the grant shall:

87 (a) demonstrate how the applicant is best suited for developing a forensic psychiatry

88 fellowship program, including:

89 (i) a description of resources that would be available to the program; and

90 (ii) any resources or staff that need to be acquired for the program;

91 (b) identify what needs to occur for the proposed residency program to become

92 accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education;

93 (c) provide an estimate of how many individuals would be trained in the program at

94 any one time;

95 (d) provide any information related to the grant application UMEC deems necessary for

96 awarding the grant; and

97 (e) if awarded the grant, agree to:

98 (i) enter into a contract with the Department of Corrections that the applicant will

99 provide for the provision of forensic psychiatry services to an individual:

100 (A) who needs psychiatric services; and

101 (B) is under the Department of Corrections' jurisdiction; and

102 (ii) ensure that any individual hired to provide forensic psychiatry services will comply

103 with all relevant:

104 (A) national licensing requirements; and

105 (B) state licensing requirements under Title 58, Occupations and Professions.

106 Section 3. **Effective date.**

107 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.