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**PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE AMENDMENTS**  
2024 GENERAL SESSION  
STATE OF UTAH  
**Chief Sponsor: Steve Eliason**  
Senate Sponsor: Evan J. Vickers

Cosponsor:

Jennifer Dailey-Provost



**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



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

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

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

(1) As used in this section:

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

- 26           licensing requirements.
- 27           (b) "M.D. program" means a medical education program that prepares a graduate to  
28           obtain licensure as a doctor of medicine upon completing a state's licensing  
29           requirements.
- 30           (c) "Residency program" means a program that provides training for graduates of a D.O.  
31           program or an M.D. program.
- 32           (2) UMEC shall develop a grant program where a sponsoring institution in Utah may apply  
33           for a grant to establish a new residency program or expand a current residency program.
- 34           (3) An applicant for a grant shall:
- 35           (a) provide the proposed specialty area for each grant funded residency position;  
36           (b) identify where the grant funded residency position will provide care;  
37           (c) (i) provide proof that the residency program is accredited by the Accreditation  
38           Council for Graduate Medical Education; or  
39           (ii) identify what actions need to occur for the proposed residency program to  
40           become accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education;  
41           (d) identify how a grant funded residency position will be funded once the residency  
42           program exhausts the grant money;  
43           (e) agree to implement selection processes for a residency position that treat applicants  
44           from D.O. programs and applicants from M.D. programs equally;  
45           (f) agree to provide information identified by UMEC that relates to post-residency  
46           employment outcomes for individuals who work in grant funded residency positions;  
47           and  
48           (g) provide any other information related to the grant application UMEC deems  
49           necessary.
- 50           (4) UMEC shall prioritize awarding grants to new or existing residency programs that will:
- 51           (a) address a workforce shortage, occurring in Utah, for a specialty; or  
52           (b) serve an underserved population, including a rural population.
- 53           (5) (a) An applicant that receives a grant under this section may apply, every two years,  
54           to renew the grant for two years.
- 55           (b) An applicant to renew a grant under Subsection (5)(a) shall provide a statement that:  
56           (i) the applicant applied for federal funding and was not awarded federal funding in  
57           an amount that fully funds each grant funded residency position; or  
58           (ii) the funding the applicant described in Subsection (3)(d) is unavailable to the  
59           applicant.

60 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) ~~[Before November 1, 2023, and each November 1 thereafter,]~~ On or before  
61 November 1 of each year, UMEC shall provide a written report to the Higher Education  
62 Appropriations Subcommittee describing:  
63 (a) which sponsoring institutions received a grant;  
64 (b) the number of residency positions created; and  
65 (c) for each residency position created:  
66 (i) the type of specialty;  
67 (ii) where the residency position provides care; and  
68 (iii) an estimated date of when a grant funded residency position will no longer need  
69 grant funding.

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

71 **26B-4-712 . Forensic psychiatrist fellowship grant.**

- 72 (1) As used in this section, "forensic psychiatry" means the provision of services by an  
73 individual who:  
74 (a) is a licensed physician;  
75 (b) is board certified or board eligible for a psychiatry specialization recognized by the  
76 American Board of Medical Specialists or the American Osteopathic Association's  
77 Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists; and  
78 (c) uses scientific and clinical expertise in legal contexts involving the mental health of  
79 individuals.
- 80 (2) UMEC shall establish a grant program that will facilitate the creation of a single  
81 forensic psychiatrist fellowship program.
- 82 (3) An applicant for the grant shall:  
83 (a) demonstrate how the applicant is best suited for developing a forensic psychiatry  
84 fellowship program, including:  
85 (i) a description of resources that would be available to the program; and  
86 (ii) any resources or staff that need to be acquired for the program;  
87 (b) identify what needs to occur for the proposed residency program to become  
88 accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education;  
89 (c) provide an estimate of how many individuals would be trained in the program at any  
90 one time;  
91 (d) provide any information related to the grant application UMEC deems necessary for  
92 awarding the grant; and  
93 (e) if awarded the grant, agree to:

- 94 (i) enter into a contract with the Department of Corrections that the applicant will
- 95 provide for the provision of forensic psychiatry services to an individual:
- 96 (A) who needs psychiatric services; and
- 97 (B) is under the Department of Corrections' jurisdiction; and
- 98 (ii) ensure that any individual hired to provide forensic psychiatry services will
- 99 comply with all relevant:
- 100 (A) national licensing requirements; and
- 101 (B) state licensing requirements under Title 58, Occupations and Professions.

102 Section 3. **Effective date.**

103 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.