

CHAPTER 15. INTERNSHIP AND RESIDENCY PROGRAM

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540:15-1-1. Purpose

Section 697.1 of 70 O.S. 1981 indicates that *the legislature recognizes that there is a need to upgrade the availability of health care services for people of Oklahoma, and thus, there is a need to improve the balance of physician manpower distribution in the state both by type of practice and geographic location. Furthermore, the Legislature recognizes the need to accommodate the increasing number of graduates from the medical and osteopathic colleges of Oklahoma by retaining their services as practicing physicians in the state and by attracting graduates from schools outside the state. Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to increase the number of internship and residency programs offered for the training of physicians throughout the state through the sharing by the state of the costs of such internships and residencies with hospitals and other clinical residency training establishments. These programs shall be designed primarily to emphasize the training of primary health care and family practice physicians and to develop manpower programs to service directly the rural and nonmetropolitan areas of the state or other areas of severe need.* [70:697.1]

540:15-1-2. Statutory administration of program

Section 697.2 of 70 O.S. 1981 provides that *the Physician Manpower Training Commission shall establish and administer cost sharing programs for internship and residency training.* [70.697.2]

540:15-1-3. Terms and conditions of assistance

Section 697.2 of 70 O.S. Supp. 1983 states that financial assistance for internship and residency training shall be provided to Oklahoma allopathic and osteopathic institutions

engaged in postgraduate training on a cost sharing basis as follows:

- (1) *Salaries (or a portion thereof), fringe benefits, and administrative expenses may be provided for internship and residency programs as accredited hospital programs approved by the Physician Manpower Training Commission. [70:697.2]*
- (2) The Commission shall conduct the coordination and selection of internship and residency programs to assure the effective operation of these programs.
- (3) *Not less than fifty percent of the subsidy for these programs shall be used in the training of primary medical care for rural and medically underserved areas of the state [70:697.2]; the subsidy to a given training institution shall not exceed any maximum or minimum amount which may be prescribed by law or as determined by the Commission.*
- (4) *No less than forty percent of all participant residents and interns in each school year must participate in a rural site the Oklahoma City and Tulsa metropolitan areas. Time allocations spent by residents and interns outside the Oklahoma City and Tulsa metropolitan areas will be in accordance with primary care specialty accreditation standards. [70:697.6]*

[**Source:** Admended at 15 Ok Reg 1772, eff 5-11-98]

540:15-1-4. Contractual arrangements

The Physician Manpower Training Commission is authorized to enter into contractual arrangements with any qualified training institution. [70:697.7] Copies of all contracts are filed in the office of the Commission.