

Funding New RTTs: Partnering with State Legislators to Leverage GME Medicaid Funds

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Background

- Commission on Family Medicine
 - Support/advocate for family medicine education
 - Advise state legislature
 - Line item in state budget
- Key legislators
 - One a primary care physician
 - Interest in health of underserved & rural populations
- Lobbyist facilitated process



State Funding

- 2013:
 - Bill to develop rural training programs
 - Leveraged Medicaid GME
 - \$1M (50% state, 50% federal match)
- 2014:
 - Bill to develop and maintain rural programs
 - \$3M (50% state, 50% federal match)
 - Directed to study/recommend how to place more FPs in rural and underserved areas
- 2015:
 - \$3M continued support for rural programs
 - \$2.7M to expand existing residencies





Colorado Commission on
Family Medicine

Family Medicine Residency Education in Colorado

Recommendations to Increase Training
and Retention of Family Physicians
in Rural and Underserved Areas

A Report to the Colorado Legislature

Keys to Success

- Network/organization representing FM education
- Establish relationships with key legislators
- Involve state Medicaid office
- Work with knowledgeable, effective lobbyist
- Focus on outcomes: improved access to healthcare
- Develop a clear message based on data
- Conduct a study



Perspectives from a Lobbyist

(aka, “Tales from Inside the Beast”)



Other stories of success

Questions

