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Changes to the Graduate Medical Education (GME) Policy

The Department of Community Health (DCH) is modifying its distribution policy for GME funds. In order to reimburse hospitals that operate dental and podiatry residency programs, the Department will change its GME distribution methodology, effective with GME payments made on and after October 1, 2002, as follows:

- To obtain an average full-time-equivalent (FTE) payment for dental and podiatry residents, the GME liability for hospitals operating dental and podiatry residency programs only will be summed. Hospital GME liability data will be drawn from calendar year 1995 filed hospital cost reports used to calculate GME payments made to hospitals between July 1, 1997 and December 31, 2001. The summed total of these liabilities will be divided by the total number of dental and podiatry FTEs as reported by the same hospitals and from the same filed cost reports that the GME liability data is drawn. The product will be an average dental and podiatry FTE payment that will be made to all hospitals reporting these FTEs.
- Annually, each hospital reporting dental and podiatry FTEs will be reimbursed the average dental and podiatry FTE payment, as calculated above, for each dental and podiatry FTE it reports. Data for each hospital's dental and podiatry FTE count will be drawn from the hospital cost report (Worksheet E-3, Part IV, line 3.11). If the cost report is changed, equivalent data will be used. Dental and podiatry FTEs will be drawn from hospital cost reports for the same state fiscal year that FTEs are drawn to distribute the GME Funds and Primary Care Pools.
- The dental and podiatry FTE payments made to all hospitals will be summed and the total will be deducted from the GME Funds Pool before any other distributions are made from this pool.

- Once the dental and podiatry FTE payments have been deducted, the remaining funds in the GME Funds Pool will be distributed as described in MSA Bulletin 01-27 issued October 1, 2001.
- Each hospital's dental and podiatry FTE count and the total dollar amount allocated to pay hospitals for dental and podiatry FTEs will be updated annually. The average dental and podiatry FTE dollar payment will not. The average dental and podiatry FTE dollar payment will be adjusted only when the GME Funds and Primary Care Pools are adjusted. Any adjustment to the average dental and podiatry FTE dollar payment will be proportional to the changes in these two pools.


Manual Update

Manual pages will be updated in the future; **retain this Bulletin.**

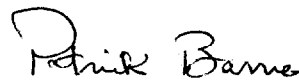
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