The Future of Graduate Medical Education

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Agenda

- Overview of AOA’s Legislative and Regulatory Priorities
- The Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act – Workforce & GME Provisions
- Institute of Medicine Study
- Current GME Legislation
- Question & Answer Session
AOA Priorities

1. Increase Access to and Coverage of Health Care Services
2. Protect and Promote Physicians’ Ability to Practice Medicine
3. Ensure the Inclusion of Osteopathic Medicine in the Future Physician Workforce
4. Enhance the Quality of the Health Care Delivery System and Improve Patient Safety
5. Reform the Medical Liability System

AOA Priorities

6. Promote and the protect the policy objectives of the American Osteopathic Association through the implementation of the “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act” (P.L. 111-148)
7. Improve the Health of the Public
8. Seek Funding for Osteopathic Medical Research
9. Advance and Promote the Osteopathic Profession
10. Educate, Inform, and Provide Support to the Osteopathic Profession
Physician Workforce

• Expand training capacity
  – 15% increase in total number of funded GME positions
• Establish new training venues that support community-based GME
  – Rural Training Tracks
  – Teaching Health Centers
• Decrease the negative impact of student debt on career choices for osteopathic medical students

Research

• Pursue funding federal, state, and private funding opportunities for osteopathic research
• Promote studies of delivery system reforms that emphasize continuous and comprehensive primary care
• Promote studies that examine the physician workforce and the nation’s medical education and training systems
Promote the Profession

- Advance the profession in all available venues to ensure appropriate recognition of the osteopathic profession, osteopathic physicians, and the AOA
- **Pursue opportunities to nominate osteopathic physicians on federal, state, and private advisory panels, commissions, and committees**
- Advance the goals and objectives of the osteopathic profession and the AOA to the Administration, Congress, and private entities
- Advance the goals and objectives of the osteopathic profession and the AOA to other health care organizations both domestic and international

ACA Implementation

1. Coverage
2. Insurance Reforms
3. Payment Reforms
   a. Primary Care Bonus
   b. Medicaid Primary Care Payment Incentive
   c. Bundled Payment
   d. Demonstration
4. Workforce and Graduate Medical Education
   a. GME
   b. Teaching Health Centers
5. Delivery System Reforms
   a. Medicare Shared Savings Program - Accountable Care Organizations
   b. Pioneer & Advanced Payment ACOs
   c. Patient Centered Medical Home
   d. Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative
   e. Hospital Readmission Demonstration
   f. Partnership for Patients
Workforce & Graduate Medical Education

• Creation of Teaching Health Centers
• Redistribution process for residency positions impacted by closed hospitals
• Redistribution of funded/unfilled residency positions
  – Emphasis on primary care residency creation and underserved states
• National Commission on Health Care Workforce

Institute of Medicine

Charge: Study the Governance and Financing of Graduate Medical Education. The committee will:
• Assess current regulation, financing, content, governance, and organization of U.S. graduate medical education (GME) and
• Recommend how to modify GME to produce a physician workforce for a 21st century U.S. health care system that provides high quality preventive, acute, and chronic care, and meets the needs of an aging and more diverse population.
Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act

• Increases the nation’s physician training capacity by 15% over the next 3 years.
• Places an emphasis on the establishment of new residency programs in shortage specialty areas.
• Promotes training in non-hospital settings by clarifying existing regulations and allowing residency positions to be allocated to hospitals that expand or create training opportunities in non-hospital settings.

Resident Physician Shortage Reduction & Graduate Medical Education Accountability and Transparency Act

Contains similar provisions to Senate counterpart, and:
• Requires transparency of GME funding- both DME & IME.
• Includes accountability provisions that require hospitals to meet certain quality measures to qualify for a percentage of IME funding.
Primary Care Workforce Access Improvement Act

• Promotes the training of primary care physicians through a five-year Medicare Primary Care Graduate Medical Education (GME) Pilot Project.
• Tests locally-based, innovative models for the distribution of Medicare GME.

QUESTIONS