

RESOLUTION

Subject: Graduate Medical Education

Submitted by: Lexington Medical Society

Referred to: Reference Committee

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WHEREAS, the continuum of medical education requires both undergraduate medical education; and

WHEREAS, first-year graduate medical education positions have remained stable during the past 15 years; and

WHEREAS, the number of U.S. medical school graduates has increased 19% during the past 15 years; and

WHEREAS, medical school graduates are finding it more and more difficult to obtain a first-year residency position; and

WHEREAS, the major sources of funding for graduate medical education is by Medicare, Medicaid or hospital funding; and

WHEREAS, Medicare funding for additional graduate medical education positions has not increased since the Balanced Budget Act of 1997; and

WHEREAS, the only way to obtain Medicare funding is by hospitals which have never had such funding; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Kentucky Medical Association work with the Kentucky General Assembly to develop more graduate medical education positions in Kentucky; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Kentucky Medical Association inform hospitals which have never had graduate medical education programs to consider starting such programs with funding from Medicare.