

**Missouri State Medical Association
House of Delegates**

Resolution # 20
(A-24)

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Subject: Medical Student Clinical Education

Referred to:

1 **WHEREAS**, Missouri has 6 medical schools and trains the 9th most medical students of all states in the
2 nation, graduating over 1000 medical students per year²; and,
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4 **WHEREAS**, medical students require clinical education opportunities with physician preceptors which
5 prepare them for future medical practice, provide them with mentorship, and encourage them to
6 consider practicing medicine in Missouri; and,
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8 **WHEREAS**, the Missouri General Assembly affirmed the state’s commitment to medical student
9 education through the enactment of SB 801¹ in 2023, offering a tax credit of up to \$3,000 per year per
10 physician preceptor; and,
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12 **WHEREAS**, despite these legislative efforts, there remains a limited number of physician preceptors
13 providing clinical education to medical students in Missouri; and,
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15 **WHEREAS**, each year there are more Advance Practice Registered Nursing (APRN) students that are
16 required to have clinical education by physician preceptors; and,
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18 **WHEREAS**, APRN students may displace medical students from comprehensive clinical education
19 opportunities with physician preceptors; and,
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21 **WHEREAS**, it is imperative to uphold the quality and integrity of medical student education to ensure
22 that Missouri produces highly skilled and competent physicians for the healthcare needs of its
23 population; therefore, be it,
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25 **RESOLVED**, that MSMA encourages Missouri physician preceptors to prioritize the clinical education of
26 medical students possibly through internal policy; and be it further,
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28 **RESOLVED**, that MSMA encourages medical schools to offer competitive reimbursement to precepting
29 physicians; and be it further,
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31 **RESOLVED**, that MSMA encourages Missouri hospitals to develop and implement policies to prioritize
32 the clinical education of medical students; and be it further,
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34 **RESOLVED**, that MSMA encourages the Missouri General Assembly to further incentivize physicians,
35 medical schools and hospitals to prioritize the clinical education of medical students for the wellbeing of
36 the citizenry of Missouri.

Fiscal Note: None

Current Policy:

Current MSMA Policy

MSMA Mission Statement: "...betterment of the of the medical profession in Missouri"

Medical School Funding- MSMA supports an increase in federal and state funding for medical education at the medical schools in the state of Missouri

References

1. Senate Bill 801, 101 Cong. (2023). <https://www.senate.mo.gov/22info/pdf-bill/intro/SB801.pdf>
2. *Total Number of Medical School Graduates*. (n.d.). KFF. Retrieved March 13, 2024, from <https://www.kff.org/other/state-indicator/total-medical-school-graduates/?currentTimeframe=0&sortModedl=%7B%22collid%22:%22Location%22>