Primary Care Tuition Assistance Program

The Primary Care Tuition Assistance Program is a service-based, tuition assistance program designed to increase the number of Wisconsin students who enter primary care medicine and ultimately practice and stay in medically underserved areas of the state.

Program Summary:

Administered by the Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB), the program provides service-based tuition assistance to primary care physicians who practice in medically underserved areas of Wisconsin.

1. The tuition assistance can be claimed for a maximum of 10 years.

2. To claim the assistance, the physician must practice primary care medicine in a medically underserved area of the state or be engaged in a Graduate Medical Education (GME) residency program with a primary care emphasis.

3. The available assistance per year is a maximum of one-tenth of the tuition paid to a medical school in Wisconsin.

Program Eligibility & Administration:

Students must establish residency in Wisconsin before entering a medical school in Wisconsin. This residency requirement mirrors the University of Wisconsin’s residency requirements that establish in-state vs. out-of-state tuition rates.

1. While in school, or within six months following graduation, medical school graduates must submit their Wisconsin medical school tuition receipts to HEAB along with other verification information required by HEAB to establish eligibility.

2. To claim assistance, participants must be participating in a GME training program with a primary care emphasis in Wisconsin; or following GME training, participants must practice primary care medicine in a medically underserved or rural area of the state.

3. Following each year of service, the participant must certify to HEAB that he/she complied with the requirements of the program. HEAB, or a designee, has enforcement and penalty authority for fraudulent claims under the program.

If a participating physician leaves Wisconsin or enters a subspecialty, the physician would no longer be eligible to claim tuition assistance under the program.