



VA MISSION ACT Section 403

Pilot Program on GME and Residency (PPGMER)

Public Law 115-182 Section 403 establishes a pilot program for graduate medical education (GME) residents to rotate at covered facilities operated by an Indian tribe or tribal organization, Indian Health Service (IHS), Federally Qualified Health Centers, Department of Defense and others.

Pilot Program

- Funds 100 residents to rotate at covered facilities
- Prioritizes placement of residents in tribal and IHS facilities
- Provides selection criteria to align with VA priorities

Types of Costs VA May Reimburse

- Stipends and benefits for residents
- Certain new residency program costs, such as
 - Curriculum development
 - Recruitment and retention of faculty
 - Accreditation costs
 - Faculty salary
 - Resident education expenses

“This program will place physician residents in underserved communities across America, for Veterans in those areas, this pilot program will make it easier to access the health care they need and deserve.” -- Dr. Marjorie Bowman, VA’s Chief Academic Affiliations Officer

Request for Proposals (RFP)

- VA will issue the first RFP in Summer 2024 for residents starting in Academic Year 2025
- Additional RFPs will be issued in 2025
- Covered facilities partnering with ACGME sponsoring institutions are eligible to apply

VA’s Potential Investment

- Up to \$3.5 million for residents’ salary and benefits
- Up to \$8 million for select new GME program startup costs
- Funds are reimbursed through a contract mechanism
- Duplicate federal funding is not permitted

Reporting Requirements

Annual data collection includes information regarding

- Residents providing care
- Veterans receiving care at the covered facility

Estimated Implementation Timeline

