

(B) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "FAMILY PRACTICE" MEANS THAT MEDICAL SPECIALTY WHICH IS CALLED FAMILY PRACTICE AND WHICH PROVIDES PERSONAL PHYSICIANS WHO SERVE AS FIRST MEDICAL CONTACTS FOR PATIENTS, WHO PROVIDE A MEANS OF ENTERING THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, AND WHO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR A PATIENT'S TOTAL HEALTH CARE. "AREA OF NEED" MEANS A GEOGRAPHICAL AREA WITHIN THIS STATE WHICH [[THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL FACULTY OF MARYLAND AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL GROUPS,]] A COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, A DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL FACULTY OF MARYLAND AND THE CHAIRMEN OF THE ACCREDITED RESIDENCY PROGRAMS IN FAMILY PRACTICE DETERMINES FROM TIME TO TIME TO HAVE AN ACUTE NEED FOR PHYSICIANS IN FAMILY PRACTICE. "SUPPORT COSTS" MEANS SALARY, HOUSING, AND FRINGE BENEFITS PAID OR SUPPLIED TO A RESIDENT PHYSICIAN. "MARYLAND FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENT" MEANS A PHYSICIAN TRAINING IN A 3 YEAR ACCREDITED FAMILY PRACTICE PROGRAM LEADING TO BOARD CERTIFICATION IN THE SPECIALTY KNOWN AS FAMILY PRACTICE AND WHO RECEIVES SUPPORT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

(C) THERE IS CREATED A MARYLAND FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCY PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR RESIDENTS TRAINING IN ACCREDITED FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCY PROGRAMS IN MARYLAND. IT CONSISTS OF 20 ANNUAL RESIDENCIES (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS MARYLAND FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCIES) TO BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE HOSPITALS IN MARYLAND WHICH OFFER ACCREDITED FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCY PROGRAMS. THESE RESIDENCIES SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO AND NOT A SUBSTITUTION FOR THE RESIDENCIES PRESENTLY FUNDED BY HOSPITALS WHICH OFFER ACCREDITED FAMILY PRACTICE PROGRAMS.

(D) ELIGIBILITY FOR BECOMING A MARYLAND FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENT IS LIMITED TO PERSONS (1) WHO ARE GRADUATES OF AND HOLDING A MEDICAL DEGREE FROM AN APPROVED MEDICAL SCHOOL, (2) WHO HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO AN APPROVED FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCY PROGRAM IN MARYLAND AND (3) WHO FURNISH A SURETY BOND TO THE STATE OF MARYLAND, THE CONDITION OF WHICH BOND IS THAT THE APPLICANT, PROVIDED HE COMPLETES THE FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCY, ENGAGE IN THAT SPECIALTY IN AN AREA OF NEED FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN THREE YEARS. THE BOND SHALL BE IN AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN THE SUPPORT RECEIVED, [[AND]] WITH SUCH SECURITY AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP BOARD OR ITS SUCCESSOR AGENCY.

(E) EACH YEAR, THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP BOARD OR ITS SUCCESSOR AGENCY SHALL MAKE KNOWN AT MEDICAL SCHOOLS BOTH WITHIN AND WITHOUT THIS STATE THE AVAILABILITY AND CONDITIONS OF MARYLAND FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCIES UNDER THIS SECTION. APPLICANTS FOR THESE RESIDENCIES SHALL