

(C) ESTABLISHED.

THERE IS A MARYLAND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT - NURSE PRACTITIONER TRAINING PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO INSTITUTIONS WITH TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND NURSE PRACTITIONERS IN PRIMARY CARE IN THIS STATE. AN INSTITUTION MAY PARTICIPATE IF ITS PROGRAM:

(1) IS ACCREDITED BY THE AMA OR ANA;

(2) PRODUCES GRADUATES ELIGIBLE TO TAKE:

(I) THE PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT CERTIFYING EXAMINATION OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE CERTIFICATION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS; OR

(II) THE PRIMARY CARE IN ADULT AND FAMILY NURSING PRACTICE CERTIFYING EXAMINATION OR ANY OTHER EXAMINATION REQUIRED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSES;

(3) IS PART OF, OR HAS A FORMAL ARRANGEMENT WITH, A MEDICAL EDUCATION CENTER; AND

(4) FOCUSES ON DEVELOPING PRIMARY CARE SKILLS AND INCLUDES SUBSTANTIAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCE IN PRIMARY CARE; AND

(5) IS NOT A SPECIALTY PROGRAM IN A DISCIPLINE OTHER THAN PRIMARY CARE.

(D) AMOUNT OF GRANT.

THE PROGRAM CONSISTS OF GRANTS TO AN ELIGIBLE MEDICAL EDUCATION CENTER FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO COMPLETES THE PROGRAM IN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OR NURSE PRACTITIONER TRAINING IN THE AMOUNT OF:

(1) \$3,000 FOR EACH PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT; AND

(2) \$1,500 FOR EACH NURSE PRACTITIONER.

(E) AMOUNT OF GRANT IF FUNDS EXHAUSTED.

IF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE GRANTS TO BE MADE UNDER THIS SECTION IS MORE THAN THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED TO THE PROGRAM IN ANY YEAR, THEN THE AMOUNT OF A MEDICAL EDUCATION CENTER'S GRANT FOR THAT PERIOD SHALL BE EQUAL TO THE PRODUCT OF:

(1) THE AMOUNT REQUIRED TO PAY GRANTS FOR THAT CENTER; TIMES

(2) THE RATIO OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED TO THE TOTAL AMOUNT REQUIRED TO PAY GRANTS UNDER THIS SECTION TO ALL CENTERS.

(F) GRANT PROHIBITED FOR CENTER THAT DISCONTINUES