

CAH GME Reimbursements

1. CAH's are exempt from GME caps imposed by the BBA97 (both as a fully accredited RTT and as a rural rotation site)
2. CAH's receive 101% cost-based reimbursement
3. To qualify for CAH GME Reimbursement, a program must be an "Approved Educational Activity," meaning it is a formally organized or planned program of study operated or supported by an institution (the institution is accredited by the ACGME).
4. Expenses are reimbursed based on the percentage of Medicare beneficiary inpatient hospital days.
5. CAH's build GME expenses into their Medicare Cost Report. These expenses are the net cost and do not include any cost of usual patient care.

Allowable expenses examples:

- a) Administrative salaries and benefits
- b) Preceptor/Mentor stipends
- c) Staff Support: Nursing, Education Coordinator
- d) Faculty/Staff administrative program travel
- e) Resident Expenses: critical care courses, exam fees, curriculum development, retreats, CME, recruitment, operational expenses, travel stipends
- f) Operational expenses: Accreditation fees, New Innovations, telephone lines, room occupancy costs
- g) Incremental Supply & Purchased Services Costs: supplies, lab, radiology

Considerations:

Since the reimbursement is dependent on the percentage of Medicare patients, additional partners will be needed to fully fund the program.

Possible options for funding partners:

- a) CAH (i.e. portion of recruiting budget)
- b) Clinics
- c) Community
- d) Major Local Employer
- e) Grants (start-up and short term, i.e. WRPRAP, Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Program)
- f) Private Insurance
- g) Sponsoring Institution
- h) State