

# OHIO STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

**Resolution No. 50 – 2025**

**Introduced by:** OSMA District 3

**Subject:** Increase State Funding for Graduate Medical Education (GME)

**Referred to:** Resolutions Committee No. 2

**WHEREAS**, the demand for healthcare services continues to grow due to population increases, aging demographics, and the expansion of healthcare coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States faces a critical shortage of physicians, particularly in primary care and rural areas, with projections indicating a shortfall of tens of thousands of physicians in the coming decades; and

**WHEREAS**, Graduate Medical Education (GME) is essential for training the next generation of physicians and ensuring they are equipped to meet the healthcare needs of our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Medical Association’s 2023 GME Compendium Report highlights the importance of state-level advocacy in securing sufficient funding for GME to address healthcare workforce shortages; and

**WHEREAS**, state funding for GME is a critical supplement to federal funding, enabling residency programs to expand training opportunities and address regional physician shortages; and

**WHEREAS**, increased state investment in GME would incentivize medical schools, teaching hospitals, and healthcare systems to establish and expand residency programs, particularly in underserved areas; and

**WHEREAS**, evidence demonstrates that physicians are more likely to practice in the state and regions where they complete their residency training, thereby contributing to the local healthcare workforce and economy; and therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Ohio State Medical Association advocate for increased state funding for Graduate Medical Education programs to address the physician shortage and ensure access to quality healthcare for all residents; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that such funding prioritize:

1. The establishment and expansion of residency programs in rural and underserved communities.
2. Training programs in primary care, mental health, and other specialties facing critical shortages.
3. Collaboration with medical schools, teaching hospitals, and community health systems to maximize the impact of GME funding.

**RESOLVED**, that the state explore innovative funding mechanisms, including public-private partnerships and matching funds, to amplify the impact of its investment in GME; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Ohio State Medical Association commit to annual advocacy efforts and collaboration with stakeholders to monitor and evaluate GME funding levels and workforce outcomes, ensuring accountability, transparency, and alignment with Ohio's healthcare workforce needs.

**Fiscal Note:**           \$ (Sponsor)  
                                  \$ 50,000 (Staff)