
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2024

Fiscal Services Division

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University of Iowa — Primary Health Care Initiative

Purpose

The Primary Health Care Initiative funds four programs that form an essential foundation for the primary care workforce efforts of the University of Iowa Health Sciences Center. The programs are:

- The Rural Physician Support Program (RPSP). This program offers recruitment and retention and practice coverage services. When providers in rural communities need to leave their practice for reasons like vacations, health, and meetings, the RPSP provides resident physicians to cover the practice.
- The Iowa Health Professions Inventory (IHPI). The inventory contains demographic, educational, and professional information for over 11,000 actively practicing Iowa health care providers. The inventory characterizes the health care workforce, monitors trends, and facilitates research on the State's health care workforce. The inventory's benchmarking capacity enables users to track changes in supply and geographic distribution over time. The tracking system is monitored and updated continuously, incorporating changes in the workforce due to deaths, retirements, relocations, and new practitioners entering practice.
- The Department of Family Medicine Predoctoral Teaching Program. The Department of Family Medicine's goals include providing medical students with education about medical issues in family medicine, experiences in community family medicine, and support and resources for those who wish to pursue careers in family medicine. This particular program focuses on undergraduate and other students who intend to pursue medical doctorates in the future.
- The Regional Medical Education Center Grant Program. The Regional Medical Education Centers provide clinical instruction and other educational activities in local communities. The Regional Centers are located in Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Des Moines, Mason City, Sioux City, and Waterloo.

Funding

The Primary Health Care Initiative receives an annual General Fund appropriation in the Education Appropriations Act of approximately \$600,000.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [263](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [681—12](#)

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More Information

Rural Physician Support Program: medicine.uiowa.edu/oscep/community-service/rural-physician-support-program

Iowa Health Professions Inventory: medicine.uiowa.edu/oscep/iowa-health-professions-tracking-center

Department of Family Medicine: medicine.uiowa.edu/familymedicine

Regional Medical Education Centers: medicine.uiowa.edu/oscep/community-based-medical-education

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