

Creative financing:

- Maximize use of current residency spots
 - Move rotations to hospital with higher PRA for DME
 - Move rotations to hospital with higher % Medicare patients
 - Move rotations to hospital with DSH funding (minimal now)
- CMS Government funding opportunities
 - VA hospital funding – no caps
 - Develop affiliations with hospitals that have never before had residents
 - Rural hospital affiliation – 50% of training must take place there to increase caps
 - Possible increase in cap numbers for a state through CMS (Louisiana?)
 - Resident closures – take on additional residents from hospitals that closed and the new hospital has a temporary adjustment up in their caps.
- Hospital/group private reimbursement
 - Payment for use of residents in ED instead of mid-levels
 - Negotiate faculty time instead of resident salary or other direct monies
 - EM residents can provide in-house Code coverage,
 - EM resident external moonlighting increases rural referral patterns
- Military Residents – US Military pays for salary & benefits
- International residents who pay for direct costs of rotation
 - George Washington University - \$85,000 administrative fee/resident

<http://www.gwumc.edu/imp/education/internatres.cfm>

Increase Revenue:

- Charge medical schools for your teaching rotations
 - If you are affiliated but not owned by a school
 - For International Medical Schools (St. George's, Ross)
 - 3rd year –
 - 4th year rotation -
- Private Industry
 - Device manufacturers
 - Pharmaceutical companies
 - Contract Management Groups (pay for lectures, resident educational expenses)
- Educational courses taught by residents (ACLS, simulation, procedure courses)
- Residents help with coding EM charts
- Research/grant money

Acronyms & Definitions:

Cap – Total number of residents/fellows CMS will pay for in your system from 1996

CBSA – Core Based Statistical Areas – socio-economically tied regions around a city often used by federal government to identify medical service areas

CMS – Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services – federal agency that pays for GME funding

DME or DGME – Direct Graduate Medical Education – reimbursement to hospitals for costs such as resident salary, benefits, and faculty and hospital overhead expenses

DSH – Disproportionate Share Hospital funding – additional funds for hospitals with more than 30% of patients whose payments come from indigent care funds

IME – Indirect Medical Education adjustment – higher operating cost to the hospitals from teaching activities including increased lengths of stay & higher acuity patients.

IRB – Intern & resident per bed ratio at each hospital used to calculate IME

IRP – Initial Residency Period – first GME program a resident enrolls in which sets the number of years for their full-time payment from CMS

IRIS – Intern Resident Information – reporting system of resident to CMS also known as the “Cost report”

PRA – Per Resident Amount – used to calculate DME

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