
Possible Questions:

1. I have community hospitals approaching me asking to have my residents rotate there. What are the questions I have to ask? Can I charge them?
2. When should I go to the department and when should I go to the institution for money?
3. What are the things that your residents should know about GME finance?
4. What was the biggest lesson you have learned as a PD about GME finance?

Acronyms & Definitions

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

CBSA – Core Based Statistical Areas – socioeconomically tied regions around a city 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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