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What they are saying...

Health Care and Education Stakeholders Support the new Statewide Residency Program

Representative Jason Brodeur, Chair of the Health Innovation Subcommittee

“I am pleased we were able to succeed in creating a dedicated line item for graduate medical education. Having this new program with a dedicated appropriation will allow for more transparency and accountability, and I look forward to hearing about the benefits to residents, hospitals and communities that were made possible because of the new Statewide Residency Program.”

Gregory James, DO, MPH, FACOFP dist., President of the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association (FOMA)

“I commend Governor Scott for his insight in recommending to the Legislature and passing into law an \$80 million dollar reoccurring funding mechanism for graduate medical education. The FOMA believes that Governor Scott’s intent to provide more primary care physicians in the state will help address the physician workforce shortages. We continue to support Governor Scott in his initiative to provide the citizens of Florida with the physicians needed to continue to deliver quality health care.”

Alan Harmon, M.D., President, Florida Medical Association (FMA)

“The FMA thanks Governor Scott for his support as we work to make Florida the best state in the nation for physicians to practice medicine. Most physicians practice in the state in which they perform their residency training. Ensuring that more physicians train in Florida means more physicians will remain in Florida, and that means more patients will have access to care.”

Joan Younger Meek, MD, MS, FAAP, FABM, Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education, Florida State University College of Medicine

“Like all other medical schools in Florida, far too many of our graduates leave the state to complete their residency training. We have been pleased to see that more than 60 percent of our graduates currently in practice are doing so in Florida, but to meet the state’s health-care needs we would like that percentage to grow even higher. Yet, numerous factors are contributing to an increase in competition for available residency positions that could make this problem grow worse in Florida. Efforts being made by our governor and legislature to address this issue are very important for the state’s health-care future and will be essential in helping us meet our goal of producing more of the kinds of physicians Florida needs most.”

Abdo Asmar, MD, Associate Program Director, Internal Medicine Residency Program, University of Central Florida College of Medicine

“Increased residency funding is important for our community and for the training of medical students at the new University of Central Florida College of Medicine. We are training amazing young people to be



physician leaders of the 21st century and we need strong residency programs in our community for these talented young healers to continue their training in Central Florida.”

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