

May 21, 2018

TO: Members, Subcommittee on Health

FROM: Committee Majority Staff

RE: Hearing entitled “Reauthorization of the Children’s Hospital Graduate Medical Education Program”

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

The Subcommittee on Health will hold a hearing on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. in 2322 Rayburn House Office Building. The hearing is entitled “Reauthorization of the Children’s Hospital Graduate Medical Education Program.”

## **II. WITNESSES**

The Subcommittee will hear from the following witnesses:

- Gordon E. Schutze, M.D., F.A.A.P., Professor of Pediatrics, Executive Vice Chairman, Martin I. Lorin Endowed Chair in Medical Education, Department of Pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine, and Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, Baylor International Pediatric AIDS Initiative at Texas Children’s Hospital; and
- Susan Guralnick, M.D., Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education, University of California, Davis.

## **III. BACKGROUND**

The federal government supports graduate medical education (GME) through Medicare, Medicaid, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), which administers the Children’s Hospitals Graduate Medical Education Payment (CHGME) Program and the Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education (THCGME) Program. According to the GAO, federal agencies and state Medicaid agencies spent over \$16.3 billion on GME training in 2015 through these five federal programs and 45 state Medicaid agencies.<sup>1</sup> The CHGME Program provides federal funds to the nation’s freestanding, children’s hospitals to help them maintain their GME programs that train resident physicians and dentists.

## **IV. LEGISLATION**

During this hearing, the Subcommittee will discuss the following legislation:

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gao.gov/assets/700/690581.pdf>

- H. R. 5385, Children’s Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2018: This legislation introduced by Reps. Gene Green (D-TX) and Michael Burgess (R-TX), will reauthorize payments to Children’s Hospitals that operate GME programs at \$330 million a year for five years. This legislation will continue to enable children’s hospitals to provide education to graduates of medical schools, enhance pediatric research capabilities, and care for vulnerable and underserved children.<sup>2</sup>

## **V. STAFF CONTACTS**

If you have any questions regarding this hearing, please contact Kristen Shatynski or Paul Edattel of the Committee staff at (202) 225-2927.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://bhw.hrsa.gov/grants/medicine/chgme>