

Improve Children's Access to Care

Increase funding for CHGME to \$718.8 million for FY 2023

The future of children's health in our nation is directly tied to the strength of our pediatric workforce. The gap between the federal investment in the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education (CHGME) program—which supports the training of pediatricians at children's hospitals—and the support provided through Medicare graduate medical education (GME) to general acute care hospitals is contributing to worsening pediatric workforce shortages. Without action, an access-to-care crisis for children becomes worse.

Children's hospitals ask Congress to provide \$718.8 million for CHGME in FY 2023

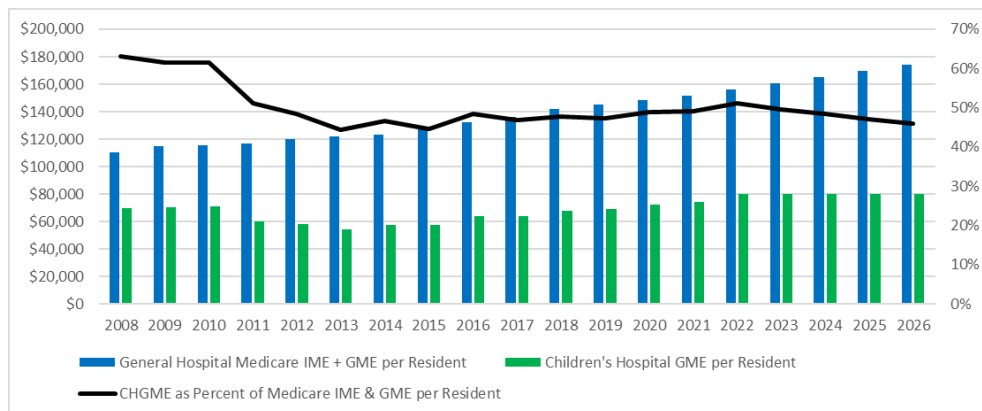
Funding CHGME at **\$718.8 million for FY 2023** is the critical step needed to help children's hospitals sustain their teaching missions and create a strong pediatric workforce pipeline to care for children. The **CHGME** program, created 20 years ago, is our most vital national investment in strengthening the pediatric workforce and expanding timely access to care for children in communities large and small.

- It supports the training of half the nation's pediatricians and the majority of pediatric specialists.
- It represents just 2% of total federal spending on graduate medical education (GME).

We are at risk of falling further behind on children's health. Workforce shortages persist, most acutely among pediatric specialties such as child and adolescent psychiatry, developmental pediatrics and pediatric genetics and genomics. Alarming, federal funding for CHGME training programs:

- Is only about **half** of the federal funding the Medicare GME program receives—**\$79,813 per pediatric resident compared to \$156,128 per resident trained with support from Medicare GME**.
- Will **decline to 46% of Medicare GME by 2026** if action is not taken.

CHGME Payments Compared to Medicare GME Payments



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Boosting support for the pediatric workforce is even more important as we face the growing challenges of the children's mental health crisis and the impacts of COVID-19 on our patients and our health care professionals. CHGME supports the training of the front-line providers who are key to addressing the needs of children and youth during these emergencies.

Sustaining and growing pediatric training programs at children's hospitals to meet the needs of children requires a robust national commitment. We cannot continue to fall behind—we must protect children's access to care.