PRIORITIZE TRAINING FOR PEDIATRIC PHYSICIANS

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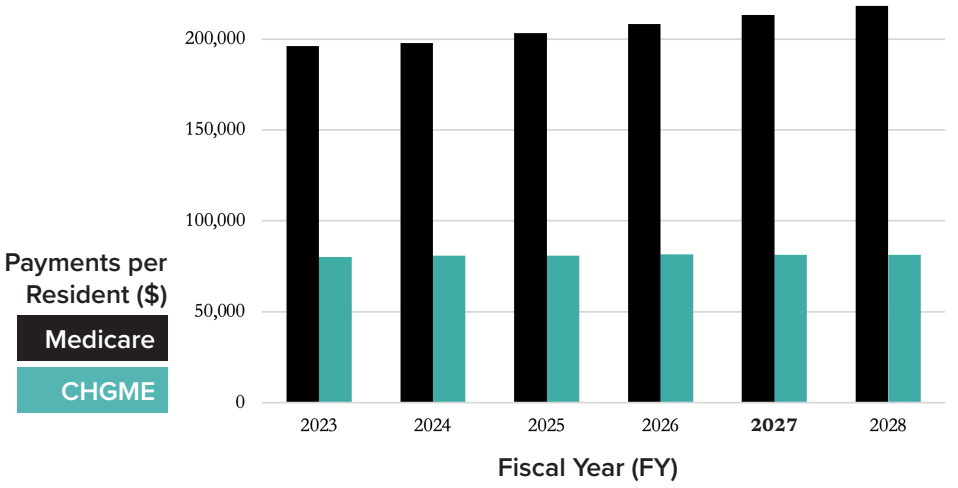
CONGRESS: FUND $1.02 BILLION FOR CHGME IN FY 2027

Congress must fund CHGME with the same priority as adult-focused programs.

The future of children's health is directly tied to the strength of the pediatric workforce. Recognizing the need for dedicated federal support to train pediatric doctors, Congress created the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education (CHGME) program in 1999. CHGME remains the only federal program dedicated to training pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists, including oncologists, cardiologists, and neurologists.

Despite its critical role, CHGME accounts for just **1.7% of total federal graduate medical education (GME) spending**,[1] leaving pediatric physician workforce training chronically underfunded and undervalued. Given current funding levels, CHGME will only receive **38% of what Medicare pays on a per resident basis to Medicare GME hospitals in FY27**.[2] That gap will continue to widen with each year if Congress doesn't adequately fund CHGME.

The Widening Gap Between CHGME and Medicare GME Funding[2*]



CHGME HOSPITALS TRAIN

>90%

of subspecialists like pathologists, cardiac anesthesiologists and rehabilitation pediatricians.[3]

CHGME HOSPITALS SERVE

99.6%

of all counties in the U.S. and territories. Forty-five percent of communities where these children live are rural.[4]

CHGME AFFILIATED PROGRAMS

are responsible for

80%

of the increase in the number of new pediatric subspecialists since the program's inception in 1999.[5]

Learn more about the continued need for this vital program that supports child health: ChildrensHospitals.org/CHGME

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