

(a) *Institution* means a college, university, or other institution or a department, division, or other administrative unit within a college, university, or other institution, which provides primarily or exclusively a course of study in medicine, dentistry, or other health profession, as determined under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, leading to a degree in one of said health professions, and which is accredited by an accrediting agency or association recognized by the United States Commissioner of Education.

(b) *Enrollment* in any fiscal year means the number of full-time students enrolled in an institution on October 15 of said year and pursuing a course of study which constitutes a full-time academic workload, as determined by the institution, leading to a degree in medicine, dentistry, or other health profession, as determined under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense: *Provided*, That if the Secretary of Defense finds that a date other than October 15 would more accurately reflect an institution's enrollment in any fiscal year, the Secretary of Defense may use such other date in place of October 15 in making his determination under this subpart.

(c) *Fiscal year* means the Federal fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending on the following June 30.

(d) *Program* means the Armed Forces health professions scholarship program established under section 2(a) of the Uniformed Services Health Professions Revitalization Act of 1972 (86 Stat. 713, Pub. L. 92-426), and codified in chapter 105 of 10 U.S.C.

§ 57.2003 Determinations of increased enrollment solely for the program.

In the event the Secretary of Defense decides to enter into one or more contracts under 10 U.S.C. 2127(d), his determination as to whether an institution has increased its total enrollment in any fiscal year for the sole purpose of accepting members of the program will take into account the following considerations:

(a) A comparison of the total enrollment in said fiscal year with the total enrollments in immediately preceding fiscal years;

(b) Any increases in enrollment to which the institution has directly or indirectly committed itself in said fiscal year under: (1) Other Federal programs, such as those set forth in title VII and VIII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292 *et seq.*), the Veterans' Administration Medical School Assistance and Health Manpower Training Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92-541, 86 Stat. 1100 (38 U.S.C. 5070 *et seq.*)) and section 225 of the Public Health Service Act (sec. 5, Pub. L. 92-585, 86 Stat. 1293 (42 U.S.C. 234)); (2) programs of State or local governments or other public or private agencies, or (3) any legally binding arrangement: *Provided*, That insofar as a single increase may be applied to satisfy the commitments under two or more programs and/or other arrangements, said increase shall be considered to meet all such commitments;

(c) Any unusual factors, such as: (1) An institution having been newly established or (2) an institution experiencing what is for it an abnormal rate of attrition and/or admission.

Subpart V—Grants for Centers of Excellence

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§ 57.2101 To what projects do these regulations apply?

These regulations apply to grants awarded to public or nonprofit private health professions schools under section 739 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 293c) to assist such schools in supporting programs of excellence in health professions education for minority individuals.

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§ 57.2102 Definitions.

Act means the Public Health Service Act, as amended.

Health professions school means any accredited school of medicine, dentistry, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, optometry, podiatric medicine, veterinary medicine, public health, and chiropractic or graduate programs in health administration, or graduate programs in clinical psychology, as defined in section 799(1) (A), (B), (C), and (D) of the Act and as accredited in section 799(1)(E) of the Act.

Minority means an individual whose race/ethnicity is classified as American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian or Pacific Islander, Black, or Hispanic.

Nonprofit refers to the status of an entity which is a corporation or association, or is owned and operated by one or more corporations or associations no part of the net earnings of which inures, or may lawfully inure, to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

Secretary means the Secretary of Health and Human Services and any other officer or employee of the Department of Health and Human Services to whom the authority involved has been delegated.

State means, in addition to the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

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§ 57.2103 Who is eligible to apply for a grant?

A health professions school described in section 799(1) (A), (B), (C), and (D) of the Act which has received support under section 788B (Advanced Financial Distress Assistance) of the Act for Fiscal Year 1987, may apply for a grant under this subpart. Each eligible applicant desiring a grant under this subpart shall submit an application in the form and at the time the Secretary may prescribe.

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§ 57.2104 Project requirements.

(a) The Secretary will award grants to meet the cost of carrying out three or more of the following six purposes, one of which must be the purpose provided in paragraph (a)(1) of this section:

(1) Develop a plan to achieve institutional improvements, including financial independence, to enable such school to support programs of excellence in health professions education for minority individuals. This plan must be submitted within 6 months of the date of grant award;

(2) Improve the capacity of such school to recruit and retain faculty;

(3) Provide improved access to the library and information resources of such school;

(4) Establish, strengthen, or expand programs to enhance the academic performance of students in such school;

(5) Establish, strengthen, or expand programs to increase the number and quality of applicants for admission to such school. Activities designed to increase the number and quality of applicants to these schools may not be offered to students prior to the ninth grade; and

(6) Develop curricula and carry out faculty training programs in order to enable such school to become, for the Nation's health care providers, a resource with respect to the health problems of minority communities, such as higher infant mortality rates and higher incidences of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.

(b) Each project must evaluate its program based on the evaluation plan provided in the grant application.

§ 57.2105 How will applications be evaluated?

(a) As required by section 798(a) of the Act, each application for a grant under this subpart shall be submitted to a peer review group, composed principally of non-Federal experts, for an evaluation of the merits of the proposals made in the application. The Secretary may not approve such an application unless a peer review group has recommended the application for approval. The Secretary will decide which applications to approve by considering, among other factors: