

**§ 57.3801**

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and other educational costs the Secretary determines to be allowable.

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**Subparts HH–LL [Reserved]**

**Subpart MM—Area Health Education Center Program**

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**§ 57.3801 To what programs do these regulations apply?**

The regulations of this subpart apply to cooperative agreements entered into by the Secretary under section 781 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 295g-1) with schools of medicine or osteopathy for the planning, development, and operation of area health education center programs.

**§ 57.3802 Definitions.**

*Act* means the Public Health Service Act.

*Allied health personnel* means individuals as defined in 42 CFR 58.502.

*Area health education center* or *center* means a public or nonprofit private entity which has a cooperative arrangement with one or more schools of medicine or osteopathy for the planning, development, and operation of an area health education center program. A center must be an entity which is recognized under the laws of the State in which it is located and which has as one of its principal functions the operation of the area health education center.

*Area health education center program* or *project* means a cooperative program among one or more schools of medicine or osteopathy and one or more area health education centers, which is capable of performing the functions described in sections 781(c) and (d) (2) of the Act and § 57.3804 of these regulations, and which is designed to improve the distribution, supply, quality, utilization, and efficiency of health personnel in the health services delivery

system and to encourage the regionalization of educational responsibilities of health professions schools.

*Cooperative agreement* means a legal instrument that reflects an assistance relationship between the Federal Government and the recipient in which substantial programmatic involvement is anticipated between the Federal agency and the recipient during performance of the contemplated activity.

*Clerkship* means supervised clinical training.

*Continuing medical education* or *continuing education* means any education for the purpose of maintaining or enhancing the knowledge, attitudes or abilities of a health professional in his or her field which does not lead to any formal advanced standing in the profession.

*Health professional* means any physician, dentist, optometrist, podiatrist, pharmacist, nurse, nurse practitioner, physician assistant or allied health personnel.

*Nurse practitioner* means an individual as defined in 42 CFR 57.2402.

*Physician assistant* means an individual as defined in 42 CFR 57.802.

*Preceptorship* means an educational experience in which the student works with a designated health professional, the preceptor, who teaches in the student's field of study and personally supervises the student's clinical activity.

*School of medicine, osteopathy, dentistry, optometry, podiatry, pharmacy, public health or veterinary medicine* means a school as defined in section 701(4) of the Act which is accredited as provided in section 772(b) of the Act.

*School of nursing* means a collegiate, associate degree or diploma school of nursing as defined in section 853 of the Act.

*Training center for allied health professions* means a training center as defined in 42 CFR 58.402

*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, only the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,

the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

**§ 57.3803 Who is eligible to apply for a cooperative agreement?**

(a) Any public or nonprofit private school of medicine or osteopathy located in a State is eligible to submit a proposal.

(b) More than one accredited school of medicine or osteopathy may submit a joint proposal for the planning, development and operation of an area health education center program. In this case, each school must conduct the activities required by section 781(c) of the Act and § 57.3804(d) of these regulations.

**§ 57.3804 Project requirements.**

A project supported under this subpart must be conducted in accordance with the following requirements:

(a) Each area health education center program must have a program director who holds a faculty appointment at a medical or osteopathic school participating in the program and who is responsible for the overall direction and coordination of the program.

(b) Each area health education center program must have a program advisory committee to advise the program director on all aspects of the conduct of the program including administration, education and evaluation. This committee must include representatives of schools and programs of health professions which actively participate in the area health education center program under § 57.3804(d)(5) of this subpart and section 781(c)(4) of the Act, individuals with training and experience in the fields of medicine or osteopathy, dentistry, nursing, and an allied health profession, as well as a representative of each of the centers cooperating in the program.

(c) Each area health education center program must annually evaluate its activities to ascertain the extent to which it is meeting the purposes described in section 781(a) of the Act.

(d) *Requirements for schools of medicine or osteopathy.* A school of medicine or osteopathy participating in an area health education program (with the exception of a school whose only function

is to provide resources by purchase agreement to a center) must meet the following requirements. However, a school of medicine or osteopathy must fulfill the requirement of § 57.3804(d)(4) only if no other school of medicine or osteopathy participating in the program meets this requirement. Each school of medicine or osteopathy must:

(1) Have a cooperative arrangement with an area health education center, as evidenced by a written agreement. This agreement must provide at a minimum that the schools participating in the program will perform the following functions:

(i) Provide faculty to assist in the conduct of the center's educational activities, as necessary;

(ii) Provide an agreed upon amount of funds to the center to assist the center in meeting the costs of its activities, including those described in section 781(d)(2) of the Act;

(iii) Be responsible for the quality of the education received in the center, including evaluating the quality of the educational programs required by section 781(d)(2) of the Act and the performance of its students while receiving clinical training in the center. The area health education center must agree to conduct the activities described in section 781(d)(2) of the Act and these regulations, and assist the schools participating in the program in meeting the requirements in section 781(c) of the Act and these regulations.

(2) Provide for the active participation in the program by individuals who are associated with the administration of the school, and staff or faculty members of each of the departments (or specialties if the school has no departments) of internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, surgery, psychiatry and family medicine. These persons may participate in the program in either the school or center and must perform, among others, the following functions: provide guidance on educational program or curriculum development and operation; instruct students (including residents and other practicing health professionals); perform student or program evaluation; and assist in program administration.