

**Public Health Service, HHS**

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responsibility of a doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine and who meets the requirements of 42 CFR 57.802.

*Primary care* means health care which may be initiated by the patient or the provider, or both, in a variety of settings, and which consists of a broad range of personal health care services including promotion and maintenance of health, prevention of illness and disability, basic care during acute and chronic phases of illness, guidance and counseling of individuals and families, and referral to other health care providers and community resources when appropriate. In providing the services

(1) The physical, emotional, social, and economic status of the patient is considered in the context of his or her cultural and environmental background, including the family and community, and

(2) The patient is provided timely access to the health care system.

*Program for the Training of Physician Assistants or Program* means a program for the training of physician assistants as defined in 42 CFR 57.801-57.803.

*Project director* means an individual designated by the grantee in the grant application and approved by the Secretary to direct the project being supported under this subpart.

*Project period* means the total time for which support for a project has been approved including any extensions of the project.

*School of medicine or school of osteopathic medicine* means a public or private nonprofit school which provides training leading respectively to a degree of doctor of medicine or a degree of doctor of osteopathic medicine, and which is accredited as provided in section 799(1)(E) of the Act.

*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.

*Supervised clinical practice* means supervised clinical practice as defined in 42 CFR 57.802.

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**§ 57.703 Eligibility.**

Any public or private nonprofit school of medicine or osteopathic medicine or public or private nonprofit entity located in a State is eligible to apply for a grant under this subpart.

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**§ 57.704 Application.**

(a) Each eligible applicant desiring a grant under this subpart shall submit an application in the form and at such time as the Secretary may prescribe.

(b) The application must be signed by an individual authorized to act for the applicant and to assume on behalf of the applicant the obligations imposed by the terms and conditions of any award, including the regulations of this subpart.

(c) In addition to other pertinent information which the Secretary may require, an application for a grant under this subpart must contain:

(1) A detailed description of the proposed project and of the manner in which the applicant intends to conduct the project and carry out the requirements of section 750 of the Act and this subpart, in particular, the requirements of § 57.705. This must include a budget for the proposed project and a justification for the amount of grant funds requested.

(2) A copy of all laws and regulations pertaining to the practice of physician assistants in the State or States in which the applicant's supervised clinical practice will be conducted and in which the applicant will be encouraging its graduates to work.

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(3) A description of the present employment of any graduates of the program, to the extent available, and a description of the methods to be used by the program in placing its graduates.

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### § 57.705 Project requirements.

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

(a) The project must conduct its program for the training of physician assistants in accordance with the requirements in 42 CFR 57.803.

(b) The program must (1) be accredited as an Educational Program for the Physician Assistant by the American Medical Association's Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation, or (2) have received a Letter of Review from the Accreditation Review Committee on Education for the Physician Assistant.

(c) The program must be operational no later than 12 months after the award of a grant under this subpart.

(d) The project must be conducted under the direction of the project director who must be employed full-time at the grantee institution(s). If the project director becomes unable to function in this capacity, the Secretary must be notified as soon as possible.

(e) The project must evaluate the supervised clinical practice conducted by the program with respect to:

(1) The variety of patient contact and care experiences afforded to participating students;

(2) The adequacy and quality of supervision provided to participating students; and

(3) The adequacy of the physical setting or settings in which the supervised clinical practice takes place.

(f)(1) The project must provide on an annual basis, upon request and in a format acceptable to the Secretary, information in the aggregate regarding student characteristics, student attrition rate and student performance.

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(2) The project must provide on an annual basis, upon request and in a format acceptable to the Secretary, information in the aggregate regarding the employment of its graduates including place of employment.

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### § 57.706 Evaluation of applications.

(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 approve or disapprove all applications filed in accordance with § 57.704, taking into consideration:

(1) The degree to which the project plan adequately provides for meeting the requirements set forth in § 57.705 and 42 CFR 57.803;

(2) The potential effectiveness of the project in carrying out the purposes of section 750 of the Act and this subpart;

(3) The capability of the applicant to carry out the proposed project;

(4) The local, regional, and national needs the project proposes to serve;

(5) The adequacy of the project's plan for placing graduates in health professional shortage areas;

(6) The soundness of the fiscal plan for assuring effective use of grant funds;

(7) The potential of the project to continue on a self-sustaining basis after the period of grant support; and

(8) The adequacy of the project's plan to develop and use methods designed to attract and maintain minority and disadvantaged students to train as physician assistants.

(b) In determining the funding of applications approved under paragraph (a) of this section, the Secretary will consider any special factors relating to national needs as the Secretary may