Teaching Hospitals Continue to Train an Increasing Number of Residents Despite Stagnant Medicare GME Cap

Analysis of the latest Medicare cost report data for teaching hospitals indicates that Direct Graduate Medical Education (DMGE) counts have steadily increased year on year even as the approved DGME cap, which determines funding limits, leveled off. Out of the 229 AAMC-member teaching hospitals, 208 (91%) are over the cap, and the average amount over the cap is 79 FTEs.



DGME Cap & Count FY1998 to FY2019 (All Teaching Hospitals)

Data Source: AAMC's analysis of FY2019 Medicare cost report data, HCRIS July 2021 release.

Note: DGME counts AO include allopathic and osteopathic residents. Includes redistributed slots under Section 422, Section 5503, and Section 5506. DGME counts are unweighted FTEs. © 2021 AAMC. May not be reproduced without permission.

