

April 15, 2021

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chairman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Services, Education, Labor and Related Agencies
Senate Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Roy Blunt
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Services, Education, Labor and Related Agencies
Senate Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Services, Education, Labor and Related Agencies
House Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Tom Cole
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Services, Education, Labor and Related Agencies
House Appropriations Committee

Dear Chairman Murray, Ranking Member Blunt, Chairman DeLauro and Ranking Member Cole:

On behalf of the more than 4,100 U.S. hospitals and health systems and approximately 200,000 other providers and organizations united in the Premier healthcare alliance, we are writing to urge your committee to allocate \$485 million in FY 2022 for the Children's Hospital Graduate Medical Education (CHGME) program.

Because of the CHGME program, children's hospitals have been able to grow their teaching and training programs for both primary and pediatric specialty care without sacrificing quality. Like the Medicare Graduate Medical Education funding other teaching hospitals receive, CHGME support is critically important to children's hospitals, particularly at a time when hospitals face increased financial and staffing pressures due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic has heightened the need to bolster the workforce in areas that were already strained, including child and adolescent psychiatry, developmental pediatrics, and pediatric genetics and genomics.

Funding CHGME at this level will help close the per-trainee funding gap that currently exists among federal programs supporting physician training and will ensure that quality care is provided to the children who need it most. We thank you for your long-standing commitment and leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,



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