

IC 21-13-9

Chapter 9. Primary Care Shortage Area Scholarship

IC 21-13-9-1

"Licensed physician"

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "licensed physician" means an individual:

- (1) who holds an unlimited license to practice medicine in Indiana under IC 25-22.5, including an osteopathic physician; and
- (2) who practices primary care.

As added by P.L.205-2013, SEC.219.

IC 21-13-9-2

"Primary care"

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "primary care" means the practice of medicine in any of the following areas:

- (1) Family practice.
- (2) Pediatrics.
- (3) Obstetrics and gynecology.
- (4) Internal medicine.
- (5) Psychiatric.

As added by P.L.205-2013, SEC.219.

IC 21-13-9-3

Student scholarship program administered by Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine for residents in primary care shortage areas

Sec. 3. (a) The Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine shall administer a student scholarship program to increase the availability of primary care for residents in primary care shortage areas by providing incentives to medical students who agree to provide primary care in a shortage area immediately after becoming a licensed physician.

(b) A scholarship awarded under this chapter must be used to provide supplemental support to a medical student enrolled at the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine and may not be used to reduce any other financial aid, grant, or scholarship the student may otherwise receive.

As added by P.L.205-2013, SEC.219.

IC 21-13-9-4

Scholarship criteria

Sec. 4. Before providing a scholarship to a student, the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine must find that the applicant satisfies all the following conditions:

- (1) The applicant is and remains an Indiana resident.
- (2) The applicant is enrolled full time in the first year class at the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine in a program that will prepare the applicant to provide primary care

as a licensed physician.

(3) If the applicant is receiving a scholarship for the second through fourth year of the program, the applicant successfully completed the academic work required for the previous school year.

(4) The applicant remains in good standing with the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine program.

(5) The applicant agrees to execute a written primary care practice agreement with the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine as required by section 6 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.205-2013, SEC.219.

IC 21-13-9-5

Scholarship selection; maximum scholarship amount

Sec. 5. (a) The Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine shall select from among the qualified students who will receive a scholarship under this chapter. The Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine may not create or use a waiting list for scholarships under this chapter.

(b) The amount of the scholarship that may be awarded to a qualified student for a particular school year shall be determined by the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine and may not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). A qualified student may not qualify for a scholarship for more than four (4) school years.

As added by P.L.205-2013, SEC.219.

IC 21-13-9-6

Scholarship recipient primary care practice agreement

Sec. 6. A scholarship recipient must execute a written primary care practice agreement with the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine, with the terms and conditions and in the form and manner required by the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine. The agreement must provide that the scholarship recipient shall do at least the following:

(1) Continually satisfy the requirements of section 4 of this chapter during the school year.

(2) Complete the requirements of the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine program by the end of the fourth year after receiving the first scholarship under this chapter.

(3) Will practice primary care in a primary care shortage area for four (4) years. This requirement includes the time spent in any residency program that is located in a primary care shortage area.

(4) Return the amount specified in the agreement, not to exceed the total of all scholarships received, to the commission for higher education if the scholarship recipient fails to comply with all the terms and conditions of the agreement. If the noncompliance is because the scholarship recipient did not comply with subdivision (3), the minimum amount that must be returned is the highest scholarship amount received for a school

year multiplied by the number of years the scholarship recipient did not comply with subdivision (3).

As added by P.L.205-2013, SEC.219.

IC 21-13-9-7

Distributions to Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine

Sec. 7. (a) To receive a distribution under this chapter, the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine shall make a written request for the distribution to the commission on higher education specifying the amount of the distribution requested. The commission on higher education shall review the request and determine the amount of the request that should be approved for distribution.

(b) The budget agency may not allot money appropriated for scholarship distributions under this chapter until after the distribution request by the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine is approved by the commission on higher education, after review by the budget committee.

As added by P.L.205-2013, SEC.219.