

Dear Colleague:

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is seeking recommendations of qualified individuals for appointment to the Council on Graduate Medical Education (COGME).

The COGME provides advice and policy recommendations to the Secretary, DHHS, and to Congress on the supply and distribution of the physician workforce in the United States, issues related to foreign medical school graduates, the nature and financing of undergraduate and graduate medical education, guidelines for implementation of performance measures and longitudinal evaluation of grant programs under its purview, as well as recommending appropriation levels for specific programs.

The COGME is currently seeking to fill two of the 17 seats on the Council. One seat is specifically designated to represent a **National Physician Organization**, while the other is designated to represent **Business and/or Health Insurers**. Council members are expected to serve for four-year terms and should anticipate meeting not less than two times per year, one of which is expected to be via webinar. It is a goal of the Federal government to have a balanced member representation on all federal councils that includes women and underrepresented racial and ethnic minorities, as well as having a diverse geographic distribution, particularly individuals from rural settings. We are hoping to fill these vacant seats with individuals that fulfill this goal.

As well as having background and expertise in the above-mentioned categories, nominated individuals must have the ability and desire to articulate COGME recommendations in a well-organized and clear written form. At times, members will be asked to assist in writing efforts outside of the formal meeting schedule.

Individuals interested in this opportunity should supply a current resume and complete the attached Advisory Committee Candidate Information Form by May 17, 2013. These materials should be sent to Ms. Iwona Grodecki at igrodecki@hrsa.gov. For physical address mailing, please contact Ms. Grodecki at 301-443-8379. For additional information on the COGME, please feel free to visit our website at: <http://www.hrsa.gov/advisorycommittees/bhpradvisory/cogme/index.html>.

Thank you for giving this request your full consideration and please feel free to distribute to anyone you feel would be interested in this opportunity. If you have any questions, you may contact me directly at 301-443-5260 or srogers@hrsa.gov

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