



Health Resources and Services Administration's Geriatrics Programs

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Agenda

- Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program
- Geriatrics Academic Career Awards Program



Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP)

- **Legislative Authority:** Title VII, Section 753(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294c(b))



GWEP

- **Purpose**

- Develop a health care workforce to provide value-based care that improves health outcomes for older adults by maximizing patient and family engagement and integrating geriatrics and primary care
- Age-friendly framework
- 48 awards
- \$35.9M



Value-Based Care

- **Definition**

- A form of reimbursement that ties payment for care delivery to quality of care provided. It supports better care for individuals, better care for populations, and lower costs.

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/Value-Based-Programs/Value-Based-Programs.html>



GWEP

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GWEP 2019 Impact

- Must include an evaluation plan to show program impact for patient access, quality, and cost measures.
 - 4 required measures:
 - ✓ What matters
 - ✓ Medication
 - ✓ Mentation
 - ✓ Mobility
- and at least two additional measures that grant recipients can select



Required CMS Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Measures

- **Dementia Caregiver Education and Support:** Percentage of patients, regardless of age, with a diagnosis of dementia whose caregiver(s) were provided with education on dementia disease management and health behavior changes AND referred to additional resources for support within a 12 month period.
- **Evaluation or Interview for Risk of Opioid Misuse:** All patients 18 and older prescribed opiates for longer than six weeks duration evaluated for risk of opioid misuse using a brief validated instrument (e.g., Opioid Risk Tool, Screener and Opioid Assessment for Patients with Pain-Revised [SOAPP-R]) or patient interview documented at least once during Opioid Therapy in the medical record.

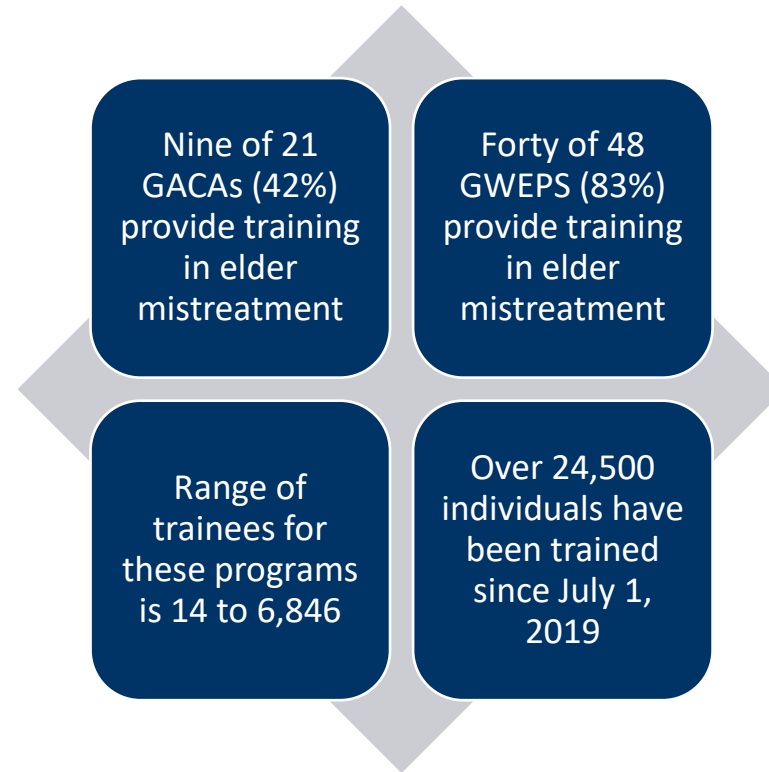


Required CMS Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Measures

- **Care Plan:** Percentage of patients aged 65 years and older who have an advance care plan or surrogate decision maker documented in the medical record or documentation in the medical record that an advance care plan was discussed but the patient did not wish or was not able to name a surrogate decision maker or provide an advance care plan.
- **Falls Risk Assessment:** Percentage of patients, regardless of age, with a diagnosis of dementia whose caregiver(s) were provided with education on dementia disease management and health behavior changes AND referred to additional resources for support within a 12 month period.
- **Screening for Future Fall Risk:** Percentage of patients 65 years of age and older who were screened for future fall risk during the measurement period.



National Collaboratory to Address Elder Mistreatment GWEP and GACA Elder Mistreatment Training



FY 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, P.L. 116-136 (CARES Act)

Care Act Activity Overview

- **Prevent** – promote the use of telehealth technologies to reduce risk of COVID-19
- **Prepare** – enhance readiness to respond to COVID-19 through telehealth technologies
- **Respond** – provide access to telehealth technologies to limit spread of COVID-19



GWEP

- In FY2020, \$4 million in administrative supplements to 48 GWEP grant recipients
- Purpose:
 - Educate and train students and clinicians on providing telehealth-enabled COVID-19 referral for screening and testing, case management and outpatient care; and/or
 - Maintaining primary care functionality away from physical sites, especially for COVID-19 positive, quarantined, elderly and individuals at a higher risk of severe illness, **including persons living with dementia** and their families and caregivers.



GWEP

- In FY2021 HRSA provided \$2.2 million supplemental funding to 12 currently funded GWEPs.
- Purpose: Provide COVID-19 specific education and training to the nursing home workforce, and nursing home residents, **including those living with dementia**, and their family and caregivers and to improve care to nursing home residents.
- Partnering with 12 additional GWEP grant recipients and over 500 nursing homes.
- Training includes development of a COVID-19 national curriculum to address needs of nursing home populations.



GWEP

- In FY2022 HRSA provided \$2.198 million supplemental funding to 48 currently funded GWEPs.
- Purpose:
 - Support curriculum development on care of older adults residing in nursing homes, including care of persons living with dementia, within the context of the Age-Friendly Health Systems 4Ms Framework.



GWEP

- Requirements:
 - Partner with schools of nursing and certified nursing assistant programs and nursing homes to educate and train nursing students in the final year of their training in an associate degree (AD), baccalaureate degree (BSN) programs, and diploma (RN) programs; certified nursing assistants (CNAs) in certified nursing assistant programs, and CNAs currently employed in nursing homes.
 - Provide didactic education in nursing home care and experiential care learning opportunities in nursing homes for these trainees.
 - Overall goal is to increase the number of nursing staff who elect to practice in nursing homes after graduation.



Geriatrics Academic Award (GACA) Program

- **Legislative Authority:** Title VII, Section 753(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294c(b))



Summary of Funding: **GACA Program**

Expected Funding	\$2,100,000 annually
Award Amount	Up to \$81,746
Number of Awards	26
Period of Performance	July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027 4 years



Program Purpose



The purpose of the GACA program is to support the career development of junior faculty as academic geriatricians or academic geriatrics specialists.

GACA: Program Goals



The goals of the program are for the GACA candidate to:

- a) Develop the necessary knowledge and skills to lead healthcare transformation in a variety of settings, including rural and/or medically underserved settings,
- b) Be age-friendly, and
- c) Provide training in clinical geriatrics including the training of interprofessional teams of healthcare professionals to provide healthcare for older adults.

GACA: Program Objectives

- Develop junior faculty for careers as an academic geriatricians or academic geriatrics specialists to address the above program goals.
- Educate and train the healthcare workforce, within the context of the age-friendly health systems framework, to address dementia-risk reduction, dementia across the disease trajectory including training on dementia medications as they are approved for use, health disparities and social determinants of health, and nursing home care.
- Advance the GACA candidate's career development through participation in leadership positions in professional organizations.



Eligible Organizations

The legislative authority includes the following:

- Accredited health professions schools or graduate programs approved by the Secretary including schools of allopathic medicine, osteopathic medicine, nursing, dentistry, pharmacy, allied health, physician assistant programs, chiropractic, podiatric medicine, optometry, public health, and veterinary medicine.
- Accredited graduate programs in health administration and behavioral health and mental health practice including clinical psychology, clinical social work, professional counseling, and marriage and family therapy.
- Tribes and tribal organizations are eligible if they otherwise meet the eligibility requirements.



Eligible Individuals: GACA candidates must:



- Be board certified or board eligible in internal medicine, family practice, psychiatry, or licensed dentistry, or have completed any required training in a discipline and be employed in an accredited health professions school or graduate program that is approved by the Secretary; and
- Have completed an approved fellowship program in geriatrics or have completed specialty training in geriatrics as required by the discipline; and for disciplines that do not have specialty training in geriatrics, the GACA candidate must have completed an accredited graduate level certificate program in geriatrics within the past three years; and
- Have a full-time junior, nontenured, faculty appointment in an accredited health professions school or graduate program in geriatrics or a geriatrics health profession.

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