

# Agenda Item 13:

## Definition of Primary Care Residency(PCR) Expansion Programs

### Subcommittee Discussion

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# Background:

## Expansion Funding Goal

- Increase the number of primary care residency slots in established programs serving areas of unmet need.

# Background:

## Definition

At the 2018 Policy Meeting, the Commission approved a change to the New PCR Slots for Existing Programs Definition (Expansion Slots):

- A permanent increase in the number of Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) or American Osteopathic Association approved **categorical primary care residency slots** for an existing primary care program as evidenced by a letter from the appropriate accrediting body.
- OSHPD accepts an accreditation letter July 1, 2016 or later.
- Does not include programs filling unfilled slots from a prior accreditation letter.

# Background:

## Current Implementation

- FY 2020-21 Song-Brown PCR Grant Guide Guidance:
  - Eligible programs may receive \$300,000 per first year categorical slot
  - Maximum of three slots awarded
- Song-Brown Glossary does not specify when an expansion slot is fully funded.
- Programs can continue to apply for expansion funding until they have filled the total number of expanded slots.
  - Example: If a Program expands from 6 residents to 12 residents, they may apply for expansion funds until they have reached the full expansion to 12 residents.

# Issue:

## Definition of Approved Expansion

**Example:** Program approved to expand from 6 to 12 total residents (2-2-2 to 4-4-4).

### Current

- Does a program receive funding until all three cohorts are filled to expansion?
  - Program receives funding year 1 to expand first year residents to 4.
  - Program receives funding year 2 to expand second first year cohort to 4.
  - Program receives funding year 3 to expand third first year cohort to 4.

### Alternative

- Does a program receive funding for the first year of the cohort only?
  - Program receives funding year 1 to expand first year residents to 4.
  - Program receives no further funding as they have completed the expansion in first year slots

# Issue:

## Clarification of Unfilled Slots

- Current definition does not allow funding of these programs.

Example:

- Program originally approved for 6 residents (2-2-2).
  - Program only has 3 residents (1-1-1).
  - Has not received an expansion approval letter.
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- Is a program eligible for funding to fill the unfilled first year slot?

# Current Expansion Definition: Analysis

2020 PCR Funding Meeting: HWDD staff presented an analysis of applicants in the last four application cycles (2017-2020):

- Some programs received funding for all their first-year expansion slots and in subsequent years applied for and received funding for the next cohort of first year residents.
- Some programs approved for multiple expansion slots stagger their funding requests over multiple years.
  - Difficult to track whether they are applying for the previously awarded slot or an unfilled expansion slot.
- One program requested expansion funding for unfilled existing residency slots, and OSHPD deemed ineligible.

# Subcommittee:

## Discussion

2020 FNP/PA Funding Meeting: Commission established a subcommittee to discuss the PCR expansion funding definition to:

- Clarify existing definition for those programs receiving permanent expansion letter.
- Specify whether and how to fund programs with unfilled slots that request expansion funding.



# Subcommittee:

## Recommendation

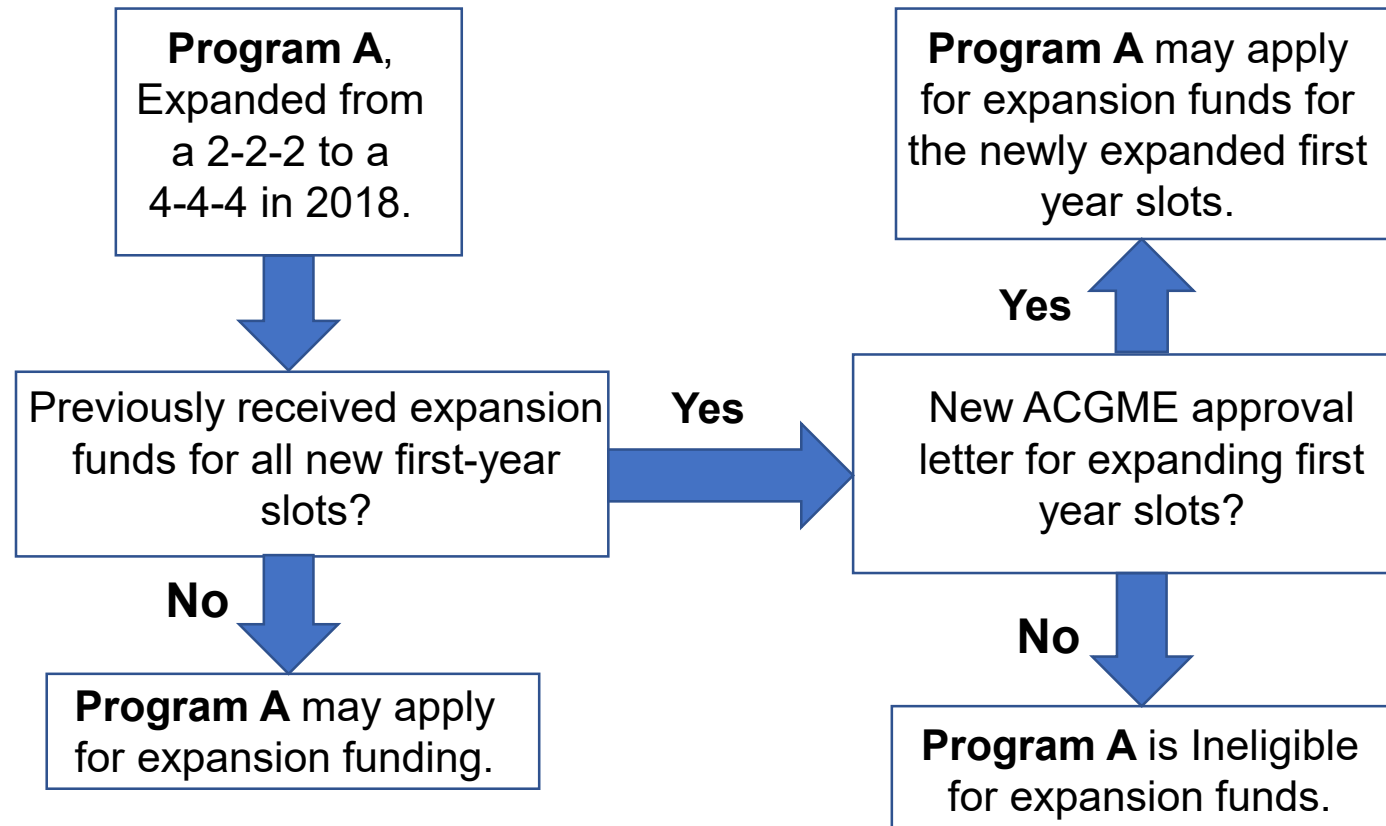
- Create two types of eligible programs
- Eligible program: Approved Expansion Letter
  - ACGME approval letter to permanently expand first-year categorical slots.
    - Has not received any prior expansion funding for the same permanent approval letter.
    - Has not filled all first year slots awarded in expansion letter
- Eligible program: Unfilled Accredited Slots
  - ACGME categorical first-year residency slots that have not been filled in last five years.

# Subcommittee Recommendation:

## New Expansion Programs

- ACGME approval letter showing permanent expansion of a specific number of slots.
- Eligible for Song-Brown expansion funding for first-year expansion slots only (grant is a 3-year award).
  - Ex: program receives approval to expand from 12 to 18 residents. This adds 2 new first year slots for a total of 6 additional program residents over three years at maturity (4-4-4 to 6-6-6).
  - Maximum number of slots they can apply for is 2.
  - Eligible for expansion funding until they fill all expanded first year slots. (One year they apply for one slot, and another year they apply for second slot.)

# Subcommittee Recommendations: Process Flow for Expansion Programs



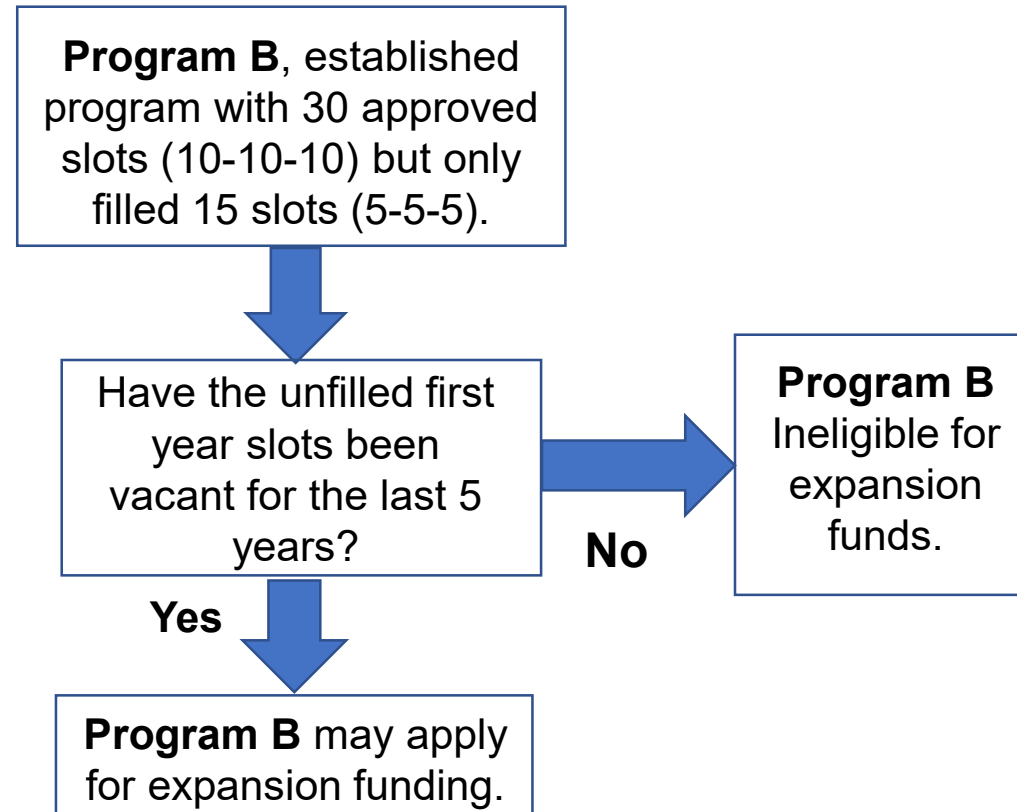
# Subcommittee Recommendation:

## Existing Unfilled Residency Positions

Programs with approved but unfilled existing residency slots are eligible *only* if those first-year slots have not been filled in the last 5 years.

# Subcommittee Recommendations:

## Process Flow for Existing Programs with Unfilled Slots



# Subcommittee:

## Proposed Expansion Program Definitions

### **New Expansion Slots**

- Permanent increase in the number of ACGME approved first-year categorical primary care residency slots for an existing primary care program (ACGME expansion letter dated July 1, 2016 or later)
- Has not received Song-Brown funding for all first-year slots.

### **Existing Unfilled Slot**

- ACGME first-year categorical residency slots that have not been filled in the last 5 years.

# Implementation Timeline

If discussion results in decisions, updates to the Song-Brown Glossary, PCR Grant Guide, and application implemented:

- Spring 2021 application cycle