

ITEM 139-108-R0508

Revision of Policy 940.25, Rural Physician Incentive Program

THAT:

The Board of Regents of Higher Education revises its Policy No. 940.25 to conform to legislative changes enacted by the Montana Legislature in 2007.

EXPLANATION:

The Montana Legislature in 2007 revised § 20-26-1501, et seq., MCA, relating to the rural physicians' incentive program, in the following ways: (1) the maximum amount of educational debt payment that an eligible physician may receive was increased from \$45,000 to \$100,000; (2) the program was broadened to allow for incentives for physicians practicing in rural areas as well as in medically underserved areas and for physicians serving underserved populations; and (3) the amount of the fee which the Board of Regents may assess to students preparing to be physicians as a means of funding this program was increased from 8% to 16% of the annual individual medicine support fee paid by the state pursuant to § 20-25-804, MCA.

The Board of Regents' Policy No. 940.25 must be revised in order to comport with the changed legislation. This item is to adopt the revised policy.

ATTACHMENTS:

Revised Policy No. 940.25, Rural Physician Incentive Program.