

Impacts from Eliminating Present Law Adjustment for DP 201 – WICHE/WWAMI/MN Dental Student Professional Programs

- Access denied to 43 students in each year of the 2011 biennium
 - 20 Medical Students in WWAMI
 - 8 Medical and Osteopathic Students in WICHE
 - 9 Veterinary Students in WICHE
 - 3 Dental Students
 - 3 Allied Health (Occupational Therapy, Optometry, Podiatry)

- Contractual arrangements would be broken with no guarantee that they could be renewed (all states in our region want access to open slots).

- Ripple effects
 - By the end of FY 2011 only 86 students would remain in the programs – thus, fewer professionals will be available to serve Montana citizens.

 - The loan repayment program to attract physicians to rural Montana (MR PIP) will be severely impacted.
 - MR PIP relies on revenue from surcharge assessments (16%) on WICHE/WWAMI student tuition. Anticipated loss would be \$367,000.
 - Over 35 rural communities have benefited from this program; the effectiveness of the program will be diminished (see reverse side for list of Montana communities served by MR PIP).

 - Clinical teaching sites in Montana rely on WWAMI funds.
 - Over 35% of funds spent by Montana on WWAMI are re-invested in Montana for clinical training and continuing education for rural Montana physicians who help with clinical teaching. With a broken contract, these clinical training sites could lose support from the medical school.

- Student commitments
 - Already, 162 students from across Montana have been certified as eligible for these professional programs. The admissions processes are underway, and many students already are interviewing and are receiving acceptance letters. It will be difficult (if not impossible) for most of them to find alternate paths to their chosen professions.

Communities served by the **Montana Rural Physicians Incentive Program (MR PIP)**
over the past 10 years

Anaconda
Big Timber
Chester
Chinook
Columbia Falls
Columbus
Conrad
Culbertson
Cut Bank
Deer Lodge
Dillon
Ennis
Forsyth
Glasgow
Glendive
Hamilton
Hardin
Harlowton
Havre
Lewistown
Libby
Lincoln
Livingston
Miles City
Plains
Plentywood
Polson
Red Lodge
Ronan
Scobey
Seeley Lake
Shelby
Sidney
Superior
Stevensville
St. Ignatius
Thompson Falls
Townsend