**CalMedForce**

**Q:** My residency program was awarded during the 2018-19 cycle and/or 2019-20, will my residency program be impacted?

**A:** The updated proposed state budget (May Revise) did not indicate any impact to CalMedForce. However, the process includes legislative review so a final decision may not be available until the state budget is approved, on or around June 15, 2020.

**Q:** The May Revise indicated a proposed increase of $1.5 million, does this mean there will be additional money available for residency programs?

**A:** The increase is a backfill to help maintain the program, and it does not change the annual allotment available.

**Q:** Will there be a 2020-21 application cycle?

**A:** CalMedForce is preparing for an open application cycle in August 2020, assuming there are no changes made during the legislative review process.

**Q:** My residency program was selected as a 2019-20 awardee, but we have not received our agreement. Does this mean that our residency program will be impacted?

**A:** The 2019-20 agreement will be emailed within the next few weeks, and we apologize for the delay. However, to be clear, the May Revise did not indicate an impact to CalMedForce, pending any changes during the legislative review.

**Q:** I'm not impacted by the May Revise proposal; however, I would like to still advocate for the continuation of the CalHealthCares program. Is there a way I can help?

**A:** The California Medical Association (CMA) sponsored Proposition 56 to ensure Medi-Cal patients receive quality and timely health care. CMA is asking all physicians and dentists to act now to help the legislature understand the need to protect access to care for Medi-Cal patients, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.
CMA is urging the legislature to REJECT the Governor’s proposal and reinstate funding for CalHealthCares, which is focused on increasing access to care for Medi-Cal beneficiaries. You can take action by going to: https://mobilize4change.org/yLxm8Ch or by texting CMA LRP to 52886.

You can also make your voice heard on social media – please be sure to utilize #CalHealthCares and #CaBudget, as well as tag @PHCdocs, @GavinNewsom and your local state legislators.

**CalHealthCares**

**Q: I applied this year, am I still eligible for funding?**

A: The proposal eliminates funding for 2019-20 applicants, as well as future applicants. However, the process includes legislative review so a final decision may not be available until the state budget is approved, on or around June 15, 2020. This is a “trigger” cut, which means that if the state receives federal funding, such as the HEROES Act, then the program will not be eliminated.

**Q: I am a FY 2018-19 awardee, does the May Revise impact my funding? Will it impact my approved 2019 award amount?**

A: If the May Revise proposal (in its current form) is approved, then the FY 2018-19 awardees will not be impacted; however, the CalHealthCares program will be eliminated thereafter. If the proposal is approved in its current form, the remaining $67.1 million in 2019 awards would still be honored; however, it eliminates funding for 2019-20 applicants (and thereafter).

**Q. I’m an impacted awardee/applicant, how can I advocate for the continuation of this program?**

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