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Wisconsin Rural Physician Residency Assistance Program

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Introduction

Annual Budget

Effective July 1, 2010, Wisconsin Act 190 provided an annual \$750,000 to fund a rural physician residency assistance program as part of the State's Critical Access Hospital Assessment to raise additional funding to match Medicaid reimbursement. At the direction of the legislature, the program was established in the University of Wisconsin's Department of Family Medicine and Community Health (DFMCH) and named the Wisconsin Rural Physician Residency Assistance Program (WRPRAP). It has been renewed every biennium since it was originally enacted. The program administration created a Grant Review Committee as a formal process to strengthen and improve the number and size of awards to be approved for allocation toward rural graduate medical education (GME), based on anticipated available funds and existing commitments.

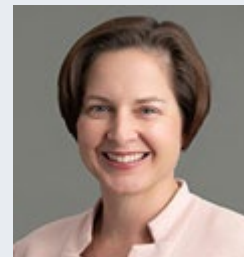
In the beginning of Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017) the State of Wisconsin allocated an increase of \$100,000 to the annual WRPRAP budget, additional increases have occurred, and the current WRPRAP budget is \$868,000.

Accomplishments

From January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, WRPRAP awarded 10 grants for a total of \$871,126.60. There were two cycles of grants awarded throughout this period: in February 2024, awards were provided with the remaining FY25 funds, and in September 2024, awards were provided for initial fiscal years 2025 and 2026. The awards ranged from \$6,252 to \$193,795 with projects including rural rotations, fellowship development, technical

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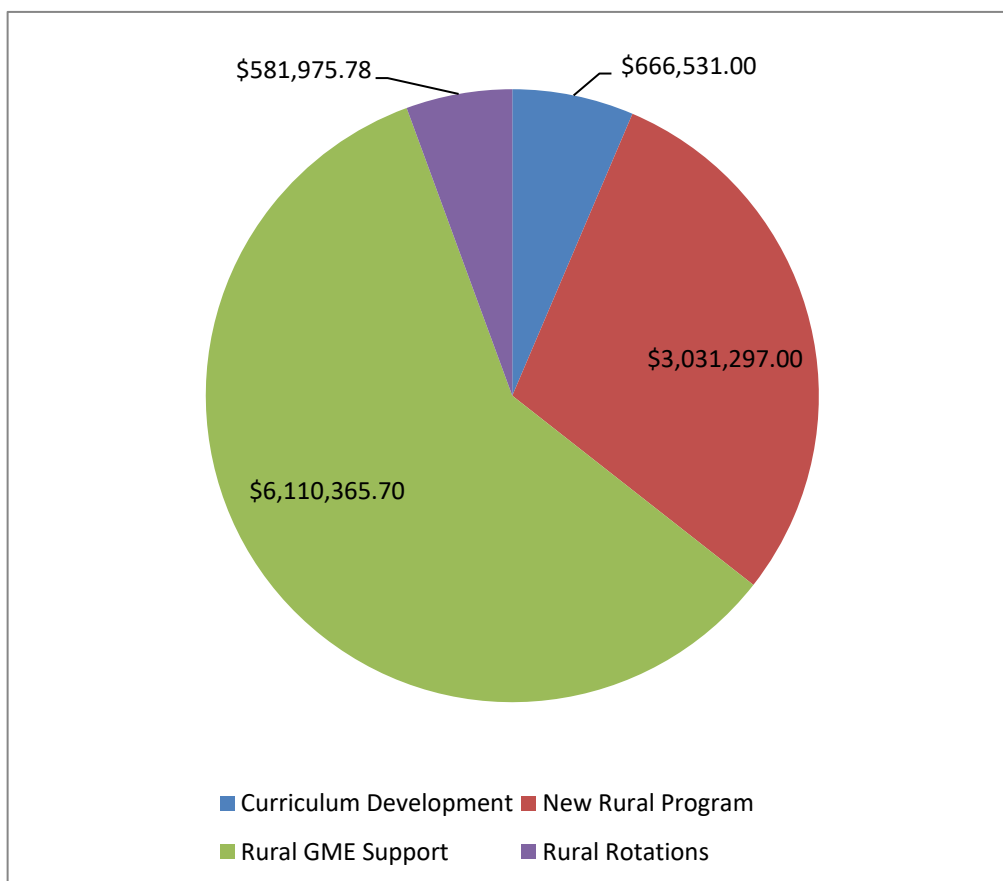
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assistance, and program support (See Exhibit 1 WRPRAP Awards).

Since its inception, WRPRAP has awarded 134 grants with a total of \$10,390,169.48 funding for development and sustainability of rural residency training programs across the state of Wisconsin. See Figure 1 below.

Figure 1



Program Information

Policy Guidelines

To ensure compliance at the University, state and national levels, individual grant applicants are required to attest to complying with Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) or comparable accreditation requirements, adhering to Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines and demonstrating that the awarded funds do not supplant existing funding.

WRPRAP monitors grant eligibility through a screening process prior to the submission of a grant application. Eligibility involves programs that are in a “rural area” as defined in the legislation, meaning

a city, town or village that has a population of less than 20,000 and that is at least 15 miles from any city, town or village that has a population of 20,000 or more. Programs must educate physicians who specialize in family medicine, emergency medicine, general surgery, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, or psychiatry. Funding is eligible to cover activity costs including, but not limited to, resident salary for rural rotations, curriculum development, technical assistance for rural programs, feasibility studies, and development of new rural GME initiatives.

Fiscal Management

In fiscal year 2025, 92% of the WRPRAP budget was allocated to grants and the remaining 8% was allocated for program operational expenses. Grants were competitively awarded to programs that share the goal of expanding opportunities and preparing new physicians to practice in rural Wisconsin communities. Individual grant recipients were required to complete a midterm progress report and a final summary report during each 12-month term, in order to meet the requirements of the agreement. WRPRAP staff monitor the grants throughout their funding terms and may request a site visit to review achievements or make recommendations in support of positive outcomes.

Strategic Initiative

As WRPRAP nears the end of its thirteenth operational year, it continues to enhance rural GME activities in Wisconsin. The shortage of rural physicians continues to rise across the nation¹ and in Wisconsin. According to County Health Rankings & Roadmaps, there are 1,940,027 rural residents in the state of Wisconsin. At the greatest disparity, in one rural county the population to primary care physician ratio is 10,440:1. To address this growing demand for primary care physicians, both UW-SMPH and Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) are graduating an increasing number of medical students each year in rural-focused learning environments. The UW-SMPH Wisconsin Academy for Rural Medicine (WARM) program and MCW regional



School of Medicine
and Public Health

Rural Physician Development Continuum

WI AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER (AHEC) exposes K-12 and college students to careers as health professionals.

RURAL AND URBAN SCHOLARS IN COMMUNITY HEALTH (RUSCH) selects and mentors pre-med students in rural or urban underserved medical practice.

WI ACADEMY FOR RURAL MEDICINE (WARM) is a rural education program within the MD Program that combines selective admissions, rural curriculum and rural clinical experience.

WI RURAL PHYSICIAN RESIDENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (WRPRAP) provides support and funding to develop rural graduate medical education opportunities.

WI OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH (WORH) supports healthcare facilities, provides loan assistance and recruits physicians to rural communities.

¹ University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. County Health Rankings Organization.

campuses select students who demonstrate a strong potential to practice in rural Wisconsin communities and their educational models provide medical training to support this outcome. WARM students participate in a rural core curriculum along with rural clinical experiences at regional sites. More than 300 students have graduated from WARM and 74 percent of those graduating from residencies are practicing in Wisconsin. Overall 42 percent are practicing in rural Wisconsin.

Technical Assistance

In 2011, the Wisconsin Collaborative for Rural GME (WCRGME) was developed through a partnership between WRPRAP and the Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative. The program provides needed technical assistance and professional development opportunities for rural GME programs, faculty, coordinators, and residents. Now largely involved in developing infrastructure for rural rotations at hospitals and clinics, the Collaborative hosts a database of rural rotation opportunities and markets these as an important first step to prepare the hospital, practice, and patients for resident learners. The Collaborative additionally hosts educational conferences and faculty development events throughout the year, increasing its partners and active sites from 21 in 2014 to 79 in 2024. See Exhibit 2 for WCRGME active rural GME sites.

Collaboration

Notable WRPRAP partners involved in preparing a stronger medical workforce across rural Wisconsin communities include the Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative (RWHC), Wisconsin Office of Rural Health (WORH), Wisconsin Council on Medical Education and Workforce (WCMEW), and Wisconsin Hospital Association (WHA). The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) GME Initiative provides similar though more restricted funding opportunities to advance rural GME, and many programs have found that WRPRAP and DHS are able to provide complementary grants to help them reach their goals.

In 2018 staff from WRPRAP, WCMEW, DHS and RWHC co-authored an article in the Wisconsin Medical Journal (WMJ), *Graduate Medical Education Initiatives to Develop the Physician Workforce in Rural Wisconsin* describing² their collective achievements and impact on GME in Wisconsin. This report addresses the increasing physician shortage across rural communities in Wisconsin and identifies potential initiatives that demonstrate success in increasing residency and fellowship training opportunities in Wisconsin. The successes of these programs saw higher recruitment and retention of graduates to practice in rural Wisconsin. The manuscript was published by Wisconsin Medical Journal (WMJ) as part of a special communication on the state of medical workforce training in rural Wisconsin.

² Bruksch-Meck, K., Crouse, B., Quinn, G., McCart, L., & Traxler, K. (2018). Graduate Medical Initiatives to Develop the Physician Workforce in Rural Wisconsin. *Wisconsin Medical Journal*.hs

WRPRAP continues to be a sponsoring member of the RTT Collaborative, a national organization that provides leadership, technical assistance, and advocacy for rural residency program throughout the United States. Participation in this group leverages national expertise to foster and sustain rural GME programs in rural Wisconsin communities. WRPRAP now facilitates a statewide consortium of participating rural residency programs.

Outreach

Outreach to diverse medical specialties serves as the foundation for WRPRAP's ongoing success. WRPRAP has provided support for each of the eight specialties declared eligible for funding by the legislature – family medicine, general surgery, internal medicine, obstetrics-gynecology, pediatrics, primary care, emergency medicine, and psychiatry.

In 2024, organizations across the state received WRPRAP funding in six of these specialties: family medicine, general surgery, obstetrics-gynecology, primary care, pediatrics, and psychiatry.

Grants

Categories

The 2014 Health and Medicine Division of National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine report on *Graduate Medical Education That Meets the Nation's Health Needs* identified recommendations to improve the current state of GME financing.³ One of the recommendations was to recognize the need for different types of funding to support expansion of GME. WRPRAP adopted the recommendation and definitions from this report by creating two WRPRAP funding categories.

1. **Rural GME Operational Grants** support the enhancement of current, accredited rural GME programs in Wisconsin, including the funding of rural rotations.
2. **Rural GME Transformational Grants** support the initiation and early development of new rural GME programs in Wisconsin, including new rural tracks within an existing urban residency program.

³ Institute of Medicine. (2014). *Graduate Medical Education That Meets the Nation's Health Needs*. Washington DC: National Academic Press.

Awards

WRPRAP awarded 10 grants from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, totaling \$871,126.60. (See Exhibit 1 WRPRAP Awards).

- **Operational Grants (7)**
 - UW Madison Pediatric Residency Program (2)
 - Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative (Wisconsin Collaborative for Rural GME—WCRGME)
 - UW Madison General Surgery Residency Rural Track
 - UW Department of Psychiatry
 - UW Madison Obstetrics-Gynecology Residency Rural Track
 - UW DFMCH RHET-Rural Pathway
- **Transformational Grants (3)**
 - HealthPartners Institute
 - Medical College of Wisconsin, Inc.
 - Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation

Required Reporting

Section 36.63 (4)(a)

The number of physician residency positions that existed in the 2009-2010 fiscal year, and in each fiscal year beginning after the effective date of this paragraph that included a majority of training experience in a rural area.

For fiscal year 2025, we identified 328 residents and fellows in Wisconsin's rural-focused GME programs (see Tables 1a and 1b). This increase from is the result of expanding emergency medicine, family medicine, general surgery, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, and psychiatry residency programs- as well as a continual improvement of data collection and tracking efforts.

Table 1a (2009-2019)

Wisconsin GME programs supporting rural training: number of total filled physician residency and fellowship positions.

PROGRAMS	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Family Medicine	14	14	14	14	16	18	21	32	46	58
General Surgery	10	10	11	12	13	15	17	19	21	23
Emergency Medicine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Internal Medicine	26	28	30	32	32	32	33	34	35	36
Ob-Gyn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
Pediatrics	12	14	16	18	18	18	18	18	18	28
Psychiatry	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	10	18	31
TOTAL	62	66	71	76	79	84	91	114	140	181

Table 1b (2020-present)

Wisconsin GME programs supporting rural training: number of total filled physician residency and fellowship positions.

PROGRAMS	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Family Medicine	129	142	152	164	164
General Surgery	38	36	39	42	44
Emergency Medicine	3	3	3	5	5
Internal Medicine	52	52	52	57	61
Ob-Gyn	3	3	3	4	28
Pediatrics	19	19	19	20	22
Psychiatry	32	32	39	36	66
TOTAL	276	287	307	328	390

Table 2a (2010-2019)

Wisconsin GME programs supporting rural training: number of filled first-year (PGY - 1) residency and fellowship positions per year.

PROGRAMS	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Family Medicine	5	4	5	4	7	8	10	17	23	20
General Surgery	2	2	3	3	3	4	4	5	5	5
Emergency Medicine										
Internal Medicine	8	10	10	10	10	10	11	11	11	12
Ob-Gyn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Pediatrics	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	8
Psychiatry	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	8	8	10
TOTAL	19	22	24	23	26	29	32	48	54	56

Table 2b (2020-present)

Wisconsin GME programs supporting rural training: number of filled first-year (PGY - 1) residency and fellowship positions per year.

PROGRAMS	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Family Medicine	43	50	53	58	56
General Surgery	8	8	8	9	10
Emergency Medicine		3	3	5	5
Internal Medicine	20	20	19	16	20
Ob-Gyn	1	1	1	1	7
Pediatrics	6	6	6	6	6
Psychiatry	9	9	10	11	16
TOTAL	87	97	100	106	120

Section 36.63 (4) (b1)

The number of such physician residency positions funded in whole or in part under this section in the previous fiscal year.

Since 2010, WRPRAP has contributed to the development of new rural residency programs and tracks, increasing the number of open slots for residents and fellows who aim to practice medicine in a rural community.

Table 3

New rural GME programs: number of total resident physician positions per year.

RESIDENCY PROGRAM	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Aurora Lakeland Family Medicine Rural Training Track ^α	8	12	12	12	12	12	12
Health Partners Western WI Rural Family Medicine Residency	2	4	5	5	6	6	7
Marshfield Clinic Emergency Medicine Fellowship (Rice Lake)	0	0	1	1	2	2	2
MCW - Prevea Family Medicine Residency Program (Green Bay)	-	-	-	Newly Accredited	8	14	14
MCW Central Wisconsin Psychiatry Residency (Wausau)	6	9	9	9	12	11	13
MCW General Surgery Rural Track	2	3	3	3	4	4	4
MCW Northeast Wisconsin Psychiatry Program (Green Bay)	8	12	12	12	16	14	16
Mercyhealth Family Medicine Residency—Lake Geneva	-	-	-	-	Newly Accredited	2	4
UW General Surgery Rural Track ^α	4	5	5	3	5	5	6
UW Obstetrics and Gynecology Rural Track ^α	2	3	3	3	3	4	4
UW Pediatrics Residency Rural Rotation ^α	2	3	1	1	1	2	4
UW Psychiatry Residency Rural/Public Health Track ^α	4	4	11	11	11	11	12
UW DFMCH Rural Health Equity Track/Pathway ^α	4	7	8	8	6	6	6
TOTAL	42	62	70	68	86	93	104

^α indicates programs that received WRPRAP funding

Section 36.63 (4) (b2)

The eligibility criteria met by each such residency position and the hospital or clinic with which the position is affiliated.

WRPRAP grants support physician residency positions that are either (1) in a hospital that is located in a rural area or in a clinic staffed by physicians who admit patients to a hospital located in a rural area, or (2) a rural rotation, which consists of at least 8 weeks of training experience in a hospital that is located in a rural area or in a clinic staffed by physicians who admit patients to a hospital located in a rural area. These criteria include the following definitions:

- “Physician” means a physician who specializes in family medicine, general surgery, internal medicine, obstetrics, pediatrics, or psychiatry.
- “Rural area” means any of the following:
 - A city, town, or village in this state that has a population of less than 20,000 and that is at least 15 miles from any city, town, or village that has a population of at least 20,000.
 - An area in this state that is not an urbanized area, as defined by the federal bureau of the census.

Section 36.63 (4) (b3)

The medical school attended by the physician filling each such residency/fellowship position for Academic Year 2024 – 2025.

α indicates programs that have received WRPRAP funding.

Aurora Lakeland Family Medicine Rural Training Track α

PGY-1

Jagiellonian University Medical College
Saint James School of Medicine
Marian University College
Medical College of Wisconsin-Green Bay

PGY- 2

St. George’s University School of Medicine
St. George’s University School of Medicine
American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine
Washington University of Health and Sciences

PGY- 3

Ross University School of Medicine
Indiana University School of Medicine
St. George’s University School of Medicine

American University of Antigua College of Medicine

Gundersen La Crosse Family Medicine Residents ^α

PGY-1

University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine
Sanford School of Medicine of Univ of South Dakota
University of Utah School of Medicine
Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

PGY-2

Medical College of Wisconsin
Medical College of Wisconsin
University of Minnesota Medical School
Medical College of Wisconsin
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
University of Minnesota Medical School

PGY-3

University of Minnesota Medical School
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine
Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine
University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine
University of Minnesota Medical School

Gundersen La Crosse General Surgery Residency

PGY-1

Medical College of Wisconsin
University of Illinois Col of Med (chi/Peor/Rock/Chm-urb)
University of Washington School of Medicine
Michigan State Un College of Human Medicine

PGY-2

University Of Iowa RJ & L Carver College of Med
Loyola Un of Chicago, Stritch School of Medicine
Un of North Carolina Chapel Hill School of Medicine
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine

PGY-3

University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

Medical College of Wisconsin
University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences
Oregon Health and Science University
University of New Mexico

PGY-4

Rush University
Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine

PGY-5

Oregon Health Sciences University
University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences
University of South Alabama

Gundersen La Crosse Internal Medicine Residency

PGY-1

University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences
Western University of Health Sciences
University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine
University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences
Medical College of Wisconsin
University of Kansas School of Medicine
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

PGY-2

University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences
Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine
UFR de Medecine de l'Universite Paris Cite
Kansas City University College of Osteopathic Medicine
St. George's University
University of Minnesota Medical School
Creighton University School of Medicine
Midwestern University Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine

PGY-3

University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine
Medical College of Wisconsin – Green Bay
Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine
Ross University School of Medicine
University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine

University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences
Ross University School of Medicine
Medical College of Wisconsin – Central Wisconsin

HealthPartners Western Wisconsin Rural Family Medicine Residents

PGY-1

Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine

PGY-2

University of Minnesota
Windsor University School of Medicine

PGY-3

Poznan University of Medical Sciences Center for Medical Education
St. George's University School of Medicine
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

Marshfield Clinic Primary Care Emergency Medicine Fellowship (Rice Lake) ^α

American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine, St. Martin
St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada

Marshfield Clinic General Surgery Residents

PGY-1

University of Pittsburgh
University of Khartoum Faculty of Medicine – Sudan
Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine

PGY-2

Krasnoyarsk State Medical University
Campbell University Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine
Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine

PGY-3

A.T. Still University of Health Sciences Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine
University of Minnesota Medical School
Universita degli Studi di Pavia

PGY-4

Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences College of Osteopathic Medicine
Medical College of Wisconsin
Trinity School of Medicine

Medical University of the Americas

PGY-5

Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences College of Osteopathic Medicine
St. George's University School of Medicine

Marshfield Clinic Internal Medicine Residents ^α

PGY-1

Karachi Medical and Dental School
Allama Iqbal Medical College
Allama Iqbal Medical College
C.M.H. Lahore Medical College
C.M.H. Lahore Medical College
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
C.U. Shah Medical College
Government Medical College Amritsar
First Moscow State Medical University
GMERS Medical College and Hospital Sola

PGY-2

Misr University for Science and Technology
King Edward Medical College
Madurai Medical College
Makerere University
Osmania Medical College
Rural Medical College of Pravara Medical Trust
Sree Uthradom Thirunal Academy of Medical Sciences
Government Medical College, Anantapur
Western Michigan University Homer Stryker

PGY-3

University of Khartoum
Dayanand Medicine College, Punjab University
Nishtar Medicine College, Bahuddin Zakaria University,
Fatima Jinnah Medicine College for Women
Fatima Jinnah Medicine College for Women
C.U. Shah Medicine College, Saurashtra University
G.M.E.R.S. Medical College and Hospital
MS Ramaiah Medicine College
Guntur Medical College
Fujian Medicine College

Marshfield Clinic Internal Medicine-Pediatrics Residents ^α

PGY-1

Ross University School of Medicine

American University of Antigua College of Medicine (ATG)

PGY-2

Christian Medical College

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

PGY-3

Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine

Indiana University School of Medicine

PGY-4

Siddhartha Medical College

Smolensk State Medical Academy

Marshfield Clinic Pediatrics Residents ^α

PGY-1

Surat Municipal Institute of Medical Education & Research

Surat Municipal Institute of Medical Education & Research

Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine

Government Medical College Surat

American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine

Aga Khan University Medical College

PGY-2

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Medical College – Rajkot

American University of Barbados School of Medicine

American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine

Saba University School of Medicine

Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Belgaum

American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine

PGY-3

Dow International Medical College

Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland School of Medicine

Osmania Medical College

Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine

St. George's University School of Medicine

Kasturba Medical College Manipal

Mayo Clinic Eau Claire Family Medicine Residency

PGY-1

Aleppo University School of Medicine
University of Balamand Faculty of Medicine and Medical Sciences
Marian College of Osteopathic Medicine
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
Kansas City University

PGY-2

University of Illinois College of Medicine
University of Pikeville Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine
SUNY Downtown Health Sciences University
Ankara Yildirim Beyazit University Faculty of Medicine
Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine

PGY-3

Lincoln Memorial University, Debusk College of Osteopathic Medicine
Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine
Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific at Pomona

Mayo Clinic La Crosse Family Medicine Residency

PGY-1

Des Moines University of Osteopathic Medicine
Medical College of Wisconsin-Wausau
Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine
Surat Municipal Institute of Medical Education and Research
University of Pikeville-Kentucky DO
University of Minnesota- Duluth

PGY-2

University of Missouri -Kansas City School of Medicine
Deccan College of Medical Sciences
Kansas City University College of Osteopathic Medicine
Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine
University of Minnesota Medical School
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

PGY-3

Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine

Central Michigan University College of Medicine
University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine
Surat Municipal Institute of Medical Education and Research
Lady Hardinge Medical College
William Carey University of Osteopathic Medicine

MCW Central Wisconsin Psychiatry Residents ^α

PGY-1

Indiana University School of Medicine
Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine of Midwestern University
A.T. Still University of Health Sciences School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona

PGY-2

Medical College of Wisconsin-Green Bay
University of Illinois College of Medicine (Rockford)
SUNY Upstate Medical University College of Medicine
Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine (off cycle started 3/1/2024)
Ross University School of Medicine (Transfer from Eau Claire Prevea Family Medicine Residency which closed 6/2024)

PGY-3

Ross University School of Medicine
Loma Linda University
A.T. Still University of Health Sciences Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine

PGY-4

Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine
Maharishi Markandeshwar Medical College

MCW Fox Valley Family Medicine ^α

PGY-1

Medical College of Wisconsin – Green Bay
Medical College of Wisconsin – Green Bay
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
Medical College of Wisconsin – Green Bay
Ross University
Rush Medical College
University of Queensland

PGY – 2

Medical College of Wisconsin – Green Bay
American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine

University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine
University of Pikeville – Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine
Medical College of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

PGY – 3

Trinity School of Medicine
University of Utah School of Medicine
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
Kansas City University of Osteopathic Medicine
Medical College of WI- Central Wisconsin
University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences

MCW General Surgery – Rural Track Residents

PGY-1

Medical College of Wisconsin

PGY-2

Medical College of Wisconsin

PGY-3

Medical College of Wisconsin

PGY-4

Medical College of Wisconsin

MCW Northeast Wisconsin Psychiatry Residents

PGY-1

Medical College of Wisconsin – Green Bay
Medical College of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
Carle Illinois College of Medicine
Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine

PGY-2

University of Utah School of Medicine
University of Minnesota Medical School
Medical College of Wisconsin – Green Bay
A.T. Still University Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine

PGY-3

Des Moines University
Medical College of Wisconsin – Green Bay
University of Minnesota Medical School
Medical College of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

PGY-4

Medical College of Wisconsin – Green Bay
American University of the Caribbean
St James School of Medicine Anguilla
Weill Cornell Medical College of Qatar

MCW – Prevea Family Medicine Residency – Green Bay**PGY-1**

St. George's School of Medicine
St. George's School of Medicine
American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine
University of Queensland School of Medicine
University of Heidelberg
Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology

PGY-2

Medical College of Wisconsin – Green Bay
American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine
University of South Carolina School of Medicine
American University of Integrative Sciences School of Medicine
American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine
St. George's University

PGY-3

A.T. Still University of Health Sciences Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine
Faculty of Medicine, Alexandria University

Mercyhealth Family Medicine Residency–Lake Geneva**PGY-1**

Poznan University of Medical Sciences Center for Medical Education
University of Kentucky College of Medicine

PGY-2

St. George's University

Ziauddin Medical College

Mercyhealth Janesville Family Medicine Residents ^α

PGY-1

University of Medicine and Health Sciences, St. Kitts
Ross University School of Medicine
Ross University School of Medicine
Medical College of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
University of Medicine and Health Sciences, St. Kitts
University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences

PGY-2

Midwestern University of Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine
University of Minnesota
Dow Medical College, Pakistan
American University of the Caribbean, Sint Maarten
Medical University of Lublin, Poland
Peoples University of Medical & Health Sciences for Women, Pakistan
St. George's University

PGY-3

St. George's University
St. George's University
University of Cincinnati
Université d'Etat d'Haïti Faculté de Médecine et de Pharmacie
American University of the Caribbean
American University of Antigua
St. George's University

Monroe Clinic Family Medicine Residents ^α

PGY-1

Midwestern University – Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine
Midwestern University – Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine
Midwestern University – Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine

PGY-2

University of Pikeville - Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine
Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine
Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine of Midwestern University

PGY-3

Midwestern University – Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine

Des Moines University

A.T. Still University of Health Sciences Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine

Monroe Clinic Emergency Medicine Fellows

Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine

Kansas City University of Medicine

University of Minnesota School of Medicine

UW Baraboo RTT Family Medicine Residents ^α**PGY-1**

University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science

PGY-2

Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine

Medical College of Wisconsin

PGY-3

University of Minnesota Medical School

University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

UW Madison Rural Health Equity Track (RHET) and Rural Pathway ^α**PGY-1**

University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

Indiana University School of Medicine

PGY-2

Indiana University School of Medicine

University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

PGY-3

University of Texas Medical Branch School of Medicine

University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

UW Madison General Surgery Residency Rural Track ^α**PGY-1**

University of Arizona College of Medicine

University of Illinois College of Medicine - Rockford

PGY-2

University of Minnesota Medical School

PGY-3

Oregon Health & Science University

PGY-4

Boston University School of Medicine

PGY-5

Medical University of South Carolina - College of Medicine

UW Madison Obstetrics-Gynecology Residency Rural Track^α

PGY-1

University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

PGY-2

University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

PGY-3

University of Minnesota Medical School

PGY-4

Michigan State College of Human Medicine (Rural Physician Program)

UW Madison Pediatrics Residency (Rural Rotation)^α

PGY-2

Medical College of Wisconsin

University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

PGY-3

University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

UW Madison Psychiatry Residency (Public Health Track)^α

PGY-1

University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

Abia State University Faculty of Medicine in Nigeria

Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine

PGY-2

New York University Long Island School of Medicine
Obafemi Awolowo University College of Health Sciences
Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine

PGY-3

University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
Beni Suef University Faculty of Medicine

PGY-4

Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine
University of Illinois College of Medicine-Rockford
University of Minnesota Medical School

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**The year the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education certified the residency program.
α indicates programs that have received WRPRAP funding.**

Aurora Lakeland Healthcare Family Medicine Residency Program

Initial ACGME Accreditation Date: 07/01/2016

Accreditation Status: Continued Accreditation

Renewed: January 2024

Total Approved Positions: 12

Total Filled Positions: 12

Gundersen La Crosse Family Medicine Residency Program

Initial ACGME Accreditation Date: July 1, 2015

Accreditation Status: Continued Accreditation

Renewed: January 2024

Total Approved Positions: 18

Total Filled Positions: 18

Gundersen La Crosse General Surgery Residency Program

Initial ACGME Accreditation Date: November 18, 1955

Accreditation Status: Continued Accreditation

Renewed: January 2024

Total Approved Positions: 20

Total Filled Positions: 19

Gundersen La Crosse Internal Medicine Residency Program

Initial ACGME Accreditation Date: February 12, 1969

Accreditation Status: Continued Accreditation

Renewed: January 2024

Total Approved Positions: 24

Total Filled Positions: 24

Health Partners Western Wisconsin Rural Family Medicine Residency Program

Initial ACGME Accreditation Date: January 30, 2017

Accreditation Status: Continued Accreditation

Renewed: January 2024

Total Approved Positions: 6

Total Filled Positions: 7

Marshfield Clinic Emergency Medicine Fellowship (Rice Lake)

Initial ACGME Accreditation Date: Not Accredited by ACGME

Accreditation by: American Board of Physician Specialties

Total Approved Positions: 2

Total Filled Positions: 2

Marshfield Clinic General Surgery Residency Program

Initial ACGME Accreditation Date: July 1975

Accreditation Status: Continued Accreditation

Renewed: January 2024

Total Approved Positions: 15

Total Filled Positions: 15

Marshfield Clinic Internal Medicine Residency Program

Initial ACGME Accreditation Date: September 1974

Accreditation Status: Continued Accreditation

Renewed: January 2024

Total Approved Positions: 36

Total Filled Positions: 29

Marshfield Clinic Internal Medicine- Pediatrics Residency Program

Initial ACGME Accreditation Date: July 2006

Accreditation Status: Continued Accreditation

Renewed: January 2024

Total Approved Positions: 8

Total Filled Positions: 8

Marshfield Clinic Pediatrics Residency Program

Initial ACGME Accreditation Date: November 1974

Accreditation Status: Continued Accreditation

Renewed: January 2024
Total Approved Positions: 18
Total Filled Positions: 18

Mayo Clinic Eau Claire Family Medicine Residency Program
Initial ACGME Accreditation Date: April 2016
Accreditation Status: Continued Accreditation
Renewed: January 2024
Total Approved Positions: 15
Total Filled Positions: 15

Mayo Clinic La Crosse Family Medicine Residency Program
Initial ACGME Accreditation Date: February 1976
Accreditation Status: Continued Accreditation
Renewed: January 2024
Total Approved Positions: 18
Total Filled Positions: 18

Medical College of Wisconsin Central Wisconsin Psychiatry Residency Program ***α***
Initial ACGME Accreditation Date: April 2016
Accreditation Status: Continued Accreditation
Renewed: February 2024
Total Approved Positions: 12
Total Filled Positions: 13

Medical College of Wisconsin Fox Valley Family Medicine Residency Program
Initial ACGME Accreditation Date: February 1979
Accreditation Status: Continued Accreditation
Renewed: January 2024
Total Approved Positions: 21
Total Filled Positions: 20

Medical College of Wisconsin General Surgery Residency Program
Initial ACGME Accreditation Date: July 1972
Accreditation Status: Continued Accreditation
Renewed: January 2024
Total Approved Positions: 40
Total Filled Positions: 46

Medical College of Wisconsin Northeastern Wisconsin Psychiatry Residency Program
Initial ACGME Accreditation Date: April 2016
Accreditation Status: Continued Accreditation
Renewed: February 2024

Total Approved Positions: 16

Total Filled Positions: 16

Medical College of Wisconsin - Prevea Family Medicine Residency Program (Green Bay)

Initial ACGME Accreditation Date: July 2020

Accreditation Status: Continued Accreditation

Renewed: January 2024

Total Approved Positions: 18

Total Filled Positions: 14

Mercyhealth Family Medicine Residency–Lake Geneva

Initial ACGME Accreditation Date: July 2022

Accreditation Status: Continued Accreditation

Renewed: October 2024

Total Approved Positions: 6

Total Filled Positions: 4

Mercyhealth Janesville Family Medicine Residency Program

Initial ACGME Accreditation Date: January 1991

Accreditation Status: Continued Accreditation

Renewed: January 2024

Total Approved Positions: 21

Total Filled Positions: 20

SSM Monroe Hospital Family Medicine Residency Program α

Initial ACGME Accreditation Date: July 2017

Accreditation Status: Continued Accreditation

Renewed: January 2024

Total Approved Positions: 9

Total Filled Positions: 9

SSM Monroe Hospital Emergency Medicine Fellowship

Initial ACGME Accreditation Date: Not Accredited by ACGME

Accreditation by: American Board of Physician Specialties

Total Approved Positions: 3

Total Filled Positions: 3

University of Wisconsin Baraboo RTT Family Medicine Residency Program

Initial ACGME Accreditation Date: July 1996

Accreditation Status: Continued Accreditation

Renewed: January 2024

Total Approved Positions: 6

Total Filled Positions: 6

University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency Program **α**

Initial ACGME Accreditation Date: October 1962

Accreditation Status: Continued Accreditation

Renewed: February 2024

Total Approved Positions: 32

Total Filled Positions: 28

University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Pediatrics Residency Program **α**

Initial ACGME Accreditation Date: September 1933

Accreditation Status: Continued Accreditation

Renewed: January 2024

Total Approved Positions: 47

Total Filled Positions: 48

University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Psychiatry Residency Program **α**

Initial ACGME Accreditation Date: March 1954

Accreditation Status: Continued Accreditation

Renewed: February 2024

Total Approved Positions: 40

Total Filled Positions: 37

University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Surgery Residency Program **α**

Initial ACMGE Accreditation Date: No Information Currently Present

Accreditation Status: Continued Accreditation

Effective Date: January 2024

Total Approved Positions: 48

Total Filled Positions: 46

University of Wisconsin Madison Family Medicine Residency Program **α**

Initial ACGME Accreditation Date: December 1968

Accreditation Status: Continued Accreditation

Renewed: January 2024

Total Approved Positions: 48

Total Filled Positions: 48

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The reason the residency position had not been funded.

The following programs have not requested funding:

- Aurora Lakeland Family Medicine Residency
- Gundersen La Crosse General Surgery Residency
- Marshfield Clinic Primary Care Emergency Medicine Fellowship
- Marshfield Clinic Internal Medicine Residency
- Marshfield Clinic Internal Med- Pediatrics Residency
- Medical College of Wisconsin General Surgery Residency
- Medical College of Wisconsin Northeastern Wisconsin Psychiatry Residency
- Medical College of Wisconsin - Prevea Family Medicine Residency (Green Bay)

Conclusion

Future Growth and Opportunities

WRPRAP continues to enhance rural graduate medical education and data demonstrates that this has positive impact on Wisconsin's future rural medical workforce. WRPRAP is currently providing funding for initiatives to develop an emergency medicine fellowship in Ashland and a hospitalist fellowship within Aspirus Health as well as ongoing support for rural tracks and programs in family medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, psychiatry, and general surgery that have substantial experiences in multiple rural communities throughout the state. It has had an important role in strengthening the Wisconsin Northern & Central GME Consortium (WiNC), an ACGME accredited institutional sponsor that was established to facilitate physician education and workforce expansion in the northern region of Wisconsin. WRPRAP also funds the Wisconsin Collaborative for Rural GME (WCRGME), which has become a national model for providing the technical assistance necessary for the expansion of residency education in rural communities. Along with our partners, WRPRAP will continue to champion long-term, viable solutions that address the geographic shortage of physicians in Wisconsin.



Exhibit 1

WRPRAP 2024 Awards

Organization	Start Date	Purpose	Amount
UW Dept. of Surgery	07/01/24	Continuation of funding support for rural rotations	\$80,022.00
SSM Health Monroe Hospital	07/01/24	Continuation of funding support for rural rotations	\$149,683.00
HealthPartners Institute	07/01/24	Continuation of funding support for rural rotations	\$149,922.00
Medical College of Wisconsin, Inc.	07/01/24	Continuation of funding support for rural rotations	\$71,300.00
Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative (Wisconsin Collaborative for Rural GME—WCRGME)	07/01/24	Support activities for current and developing rural GME residency and fellowship programs, rural pathways, and rotation sites	\$193,795.00
Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation	07/01/24	Support activities for current and developing rural GME residency and fellowship programs, rural pathways, and rotation sites	\$6,252.00
UW DFMCH RHET-Rural Pathway	07/01/25	Continuation of funding support for rural rotations	\$81,151.00
UW Dept. of OB GYN	07/01/25	Continuation of funding support for rural rotations	\$75,000.00
UW Dept. of Pediatrics	07/01/25	Continuation of funding support for rural rotations	\$36,630.64
UW Dept. of Pediatrics	07/01/25	Continuation of funding support for rural rotations	\$27,370.96
Total			\$871,126.60

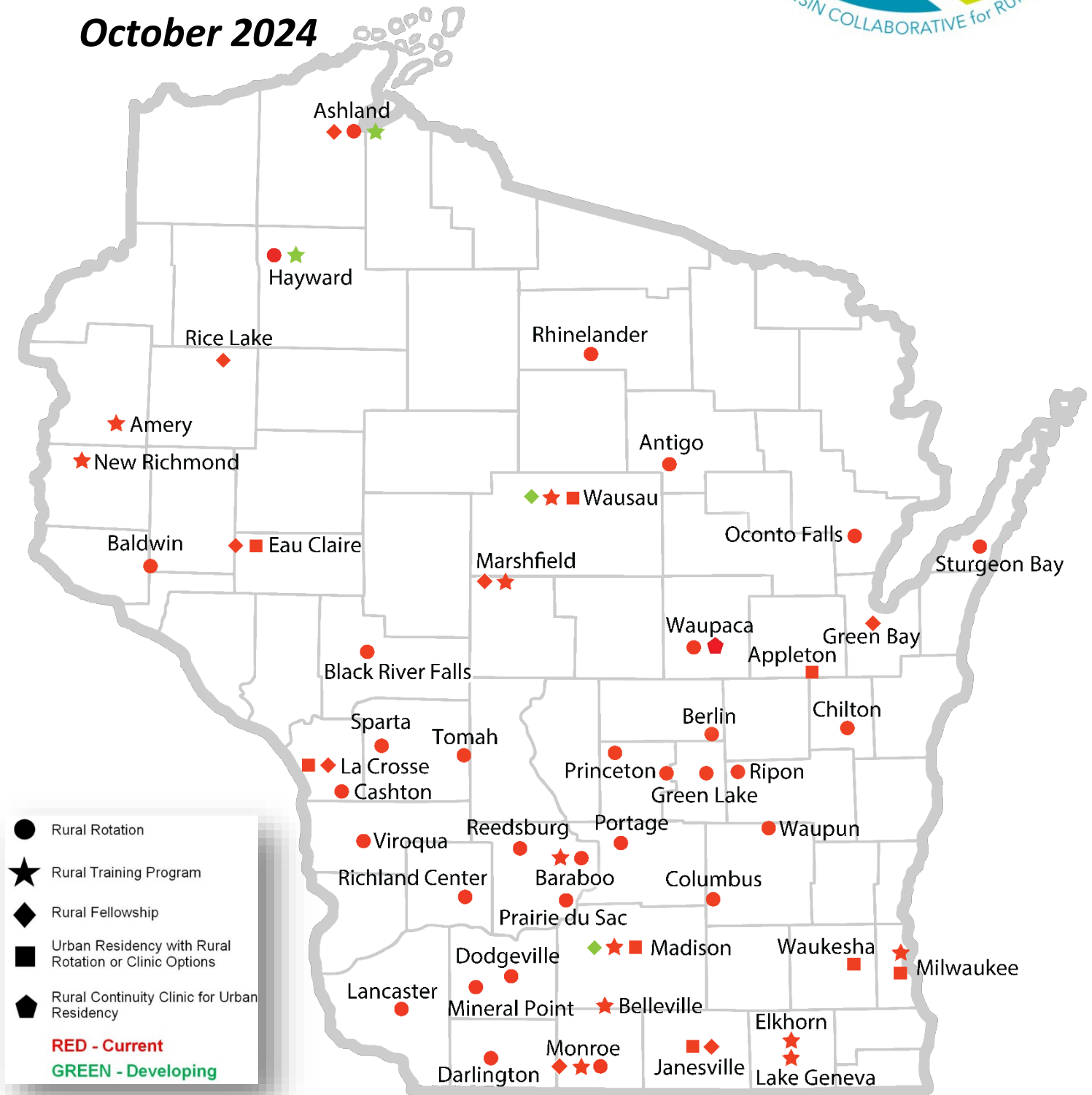
Exhibit 2

WCRGME Active Rural GME sites 2024⁴



WCRGME Partner Directory

October 2024



⁴ Wisconsin Collaborative for Rural GME. 'GME Directory' [map], WCRGME, <https://www.wcrgme.org/gme-directory>, (accessed November 2024).

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