

MIDOCs Program

CALL TO ACTION

Maintain MIDOCs funding at \$11 million, which supports new physicians in over 35 Michigan communities.

Of Michigan's 83 counties, 75 counties have at least partial designation as a primary care health professional shortage area (HPSA). To recruit and retain physicians to address the physician shortage in both rural and urban underserved areas, MIDOCs was created to increase the number of residency slots in the state and to retain residents to practice in underserved communities after their training.

The MIDOCs Program is for residents who have a passion to spend their careers working with underserved and vulnerable populations. In 2017, MIDOCs was developed with state funding and in partnership with four medical schools: Central Michigan University College of Medicine, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, Wayne State University School of Medicine, and Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine.

The goal is to expand residency positions in select specialties and to train physicians who want to spend their careers working with underserved populations in the state of Michigan. MIDOCs residencies feature a variety of enhanced curricular elements in areas such as ambulatory care, quality improvement, population health, interprofessional collaboration, and care of diverse and underserved populations. Acceptance of a MIDOCs residency slot includes a two-year commitment to practice in a rural or urban underserved area in Michigan post-residency. Additionally, residents may also receive up to \$150,000 for repayment of qualifying educational loans.

Primary Care Residencies

- Family Medicine
- Internal Medicine
- Pediatrics
- OB-GYN
- Psychiatry
- General Surgery



Increasing state funding for MIDOCs in the FY 2026 state budget, will allow for an additional **32** primary care residency positions to be added to Michigan's graduate medical education sector.



Since 2019, **160** MIDOCs has opened new primary care residency slots in Michigan.



What is Family Medicine?

Family medicine is a medical specialty practiced by family physicians. These physicians undergo extensive training to provide physician-led team-based, patient-centered care for people of all ages, from birth through end of life. They are experts in preventing illness and treating a wide range of symptoms affecting the body from head to toe.

About MAFP and MAOFP

Michigan Academy of Family Physicians and Michigan Association of Osteopathic Family Physicians collectively represent and support more than 5,000 family physicians, family medicine resident physicians, and medical students exploring careers in family medicine.

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