

Rural and Underserved GME Advisory Group Request for Public Member Nominations

The ACGME Rural and Underserved GME Advisory Group (“the Group”) seeks nominations for a public member to begin an initial three-year term in December 2026, with the option to renew.

When selecting nominees, the Group will consider skills, professional qualifications and experience, and geographic representation. In addition, the Group seeks to include perspectives from a variety of individuals.

The Group will consider nominees with respect to the following criteria:

1. **Experience.** A nominee should have evidence of a distinguished and advanced career with demonstrated leadership and management roles. A nominee should have demonstrated a history of leadership and membership in public organizations. A nominee should not be a physician.
2. **Background.** A nominee should have experience and a skillset that will allow them an understanding of the work of rural and underserved areas and graduate medical education (GME). Examples include background in:
 - i. Global Health
 - ii. Health Care Leadership
 - iii. Health Policy
 - iv. Informatics
 - v. Medical Education/Medical Education Research
 - vi. Nursing or Affiliated Care Providers
 - vii. Patient or Community Advocacy
 - viii. Patient Safety
 - ix. Pharmacy
 - x. Program Evaluation
 - xi. Public Health
 - xii. Quality Improvement
 - xiii. Statistics/Epidemiology
3. **Geographic Distribution.** The Group can appoint no more than two concurrent members from the same state. No more than one member can be appointed from the same Sponsoring Institution or city/metropolitan area (i.e., core-based statistical area as defined by US Office of Management and Budget). Current members are affiliated with the following institutions:
 - Baptist Health - University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (Little Rock, Arkansas)
 - Charles R. Drew University College of Medicine (Los Angeles, California)
 - Claiborne Memorial Medical Center (Homer, Louisiana)
 - East Arkansas Family Health Center, Inc. (Trumann, Arkansas)
 - Los Angeles County-Harbor-UCLA Medical Center (Torrance, California)

- Maine Medical Center (Portland, Maine)
 - Natividad Medical Center (Salinas, California)
 - Providence Health (Anchorage, Alaska)
 - Texas Institute for Graduate Medical Education and Research (San Antonio, Texas)
4. **Computer Skills.** A nominee must be able to use common software (e.g., Microsoft Word, Adobe Acrobat Reader), as well as the ACGME's web-based software for Group activities. A nominee must be able to participate in remote Group meetings. Group members must be able to use common communication platforms (e.g., Zoom, Skype, Microsoft Teams).
 5. **Time Commitment.** A nominee must be able to devote sufficient time to the Group's work. Members must attend all Group meetings; the Group typically meets two times per year. The Group's meeting agendas will consist of items related to implementation of the ACGME's Rural and Underserved GME Framework. Members will spend two to three hours before each meeting reviewing written materials. Group meetings will typically be held in November/December and May/June of each year. If there is a third meeting, it will likely be held virtually in the summer or fall. Relevant 2026-2027 Group meeting dates are:
 - December 3-4, 2026, Chicago, Illinois (in-person meeting)
 - May 27-28, 2027, Chicago, Illinois (in-person meeting)
 - December 2-3, 2027, Chicago, Illinois (in-person meeting)
 6. **Ability to Fulfill Group Responsibilities.** The duration of a Group meeting is typically one and a half days. Group work may also include periodic video conference calls.

In addition to traveling to and attending all Group meetings, Group members are responsible for advising the ACGME on:

- a. organizational knowledge of issues related to GME and rural and underserved areas
- b. outreach efforts to designated institutional officials, program directors, and others
- c. educational opportunities to facilitate the development of GME

To Submit a Nomination

Nominations must include a complete Rural and Underserved GME Advisory Group Public Member Nomination Form (for 2026 appointments). The Nomination Form and the nominee's full curriculum vitae must be submitted by email to underserved@acgme.org by **Sunday, April 19, 2026**. The inclusion of a nomination letter is optional, and self-nominations are accepted.

Additional Information

All related travel and meeting expenses are covered by the ACGME.

Nominees who are selected to become Group members will sign an agreement with the ACGME and will complete a disclosure form annually. (The disclosure form identifies any relationships, positions, or circumstances in which nominees are involved that they believe could contribute to an actual or apparent conflict or duality of interest.) New members will complete these documents at or before their first Group meeting in December 2026.

More information about the ACGME can be found at www.acgme.org. Information specific to the Group is on the [Rural and Underserved GME section](#) of the ACGME website.

Email underserved@acgme.org with specific questions.