



Medical Education and Research Cost (MERC) Grant Distribution

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Background

The Medical Education and Research Costs (MERC) Program was established in 1996 and funded in 1997 to provide funding for the clinical training of select medical professions. The purpose of the grant is to compensate teaching facilities for a portion of the costs of clinical training provided in a patient care setting. Since its inception, the MERC program has distributed nearly \$900 million to hospitals, clinics and other clinical training facilities throughout Minnesota.

Grants are determined through a distribution formula established in Minnesota Statutes, section 62J.692. The formula has changed over the years. Debate about the formula has generally centered on whether the program is designed to support clinical training wherever it occurs, and thus should be driven by a cost-based formula that allows grant funds to “follow” trainees to their facilities of training, or whether, because Medicaid funds are a major source of the program’s appropriation, funds should be directed primarily to those facilities that have a larger share of Medicaid business.

As an outcome of the 2013 legislative session, six additional types of training programs were added as eligible provider types: advanced dental therapists, clinical social workers, community health workers, community paramedics, dental therapists and psychologists. The formula was also revised in several ways:

- Reduced the supplemental grant to training facilities whose relative public program volume met or exceeded 0.98 percent; reduced the supplemental grant from 20 percent to 10 percent in funding years 2014 and 2015 and eliminated it in 2016.
- Increased the minimum training facility grant from \$1,000 to \$5,000.
- Added a 0.1 FTE trainee minimum per training facility.
- Created a cap to limit grants at the 95th percentile grant per FTE.
- Limited the use of funds to expenses related to clinical training program costs for eligible programs.

The staging of these changes and the lengthy federal process to obtain approval by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) are now all in effect.

The formula changes are outlined in Table 1 below.

Table 1 - MERC Formula

Grant Funding	Fiscal Year 2014 & 2015	Fiscal Year 2016 and Beyond
Clinical Training Period	Fiscal Year 2011 and Fiscal Year 2012	Fiscal Year 2013 and Beyond
Minimum Grant	Cigarette tax: \$1,000 PMAP: \$5,000	\$5,000
FTE Minimum	Cigarette tax: No Minimum. PMAP: 0.1 FTEs	0.1 FTEs (208 Clinical Hours)
Provider Types Added	Cigarette tax: Not eligible. PMAP: Eligible.	Eligible.
Supplemental Grant Phase Out	Cigarette tax: 20% additional funding for facilities with 0.98% of revenue pool. PMAP: 10% additional funding for facilities with 0.98% of revenue pool.	No supplemental grant.
Grants capped at 95th Percentile per FTE	Cigarette tax: No cap. PMAP: Capped.	Capped.
Clinical Training Expenditures	Cigarette tax: \$1,000 or higher. PMAP: \$5,000 or higher.	\$5,000 or higher.

The current formula calculates the total Medicaid revenue pool across all eligible sites and then determines what percentage each clinical training facility contributed to the overall revenue pool. The percentage is then applied to the funding pool to calculate each facility’s grant. Grants to clinical training facilities cannot exceed the facility’s reported clinical training expenditures, nor can they exceed the 95th percentile grant per FTE cap. Facilities whose grant is less than \$5,000 do not qualify for MERC funding, and their funding is redistributed among those that do qualify.

In late 2014, stakeholders and staff from the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Department of Human Services identified process improvements to make the program more efficient and less administratively burdensome. These improvements decreased the lag time between application and funding by eighteen months. To achieve this goal, two data years were combined and funded with 2016 available funds. The 2017 distribution marks the first year that funding was distributed based on one formula and one data year, making it the first year that can accurately compare how the 2013 formula changes impacted the grant.

Additional background information and details on past distributions can be found at:
<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/hpsc/hep/merc/publications/index.html>.

Reporting

Throughout this report, the current funding year reflects state fiscal year 2017. The data year consisted of fiscal year 2015 clinical training. Because the grant is calculated based on training from a prior period, there’s a lag between data year and funding year to allow processing and reporting of Medicaid claims which are used in the formula. Numbers are rounded for reporting purposes.

Table 2 – Funding vs Data Year

Funding Year	Data Year
2017	2015
2016	2014 & 2013
2015	2012
2014	2011
2013	2010

Funding: State Fiscal Year 2017

The MERC grant was funded in state fiscal year 2017 through a carve-out from Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP) rates, an appropriation from Minnesota’s cigarette tax and federal matching funds, and appropriations from the state General Fund and the Health Care Access Fund. The distribution to clinical training facilities included in the MERC grant application totaled \$59,127,000.

Table 3 - MERC Grant Funds

MERC Grant Funds	Amount
PMAP carve-out	\$49,552,000
PMAP Funds	\$49,552,000
Cigarette tax appropriation	\$3,937,000
Less administration*	-\$149,500
Federal match	\$3,787,500
Cigarette Tax Funds	\$7,575,000
General Fund	\$1,000,000
Health Care Access Fund	\$1,000,000
Overall Funding	\$59,127,000

* A maximum of \$150,000 of the funds dedicated to the commissioner under section [297F.10, subdivision 1](https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/statutes?id=297F.10#stat.297F.10.1) (<https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/statutes?id=297F.10#stat.297F.10.1>), [clause \(2\)](https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/statutes?id=297F.10#stat.297F.10.1), may be used by the commissioner for administrative expenses associated with implementing the MERC program.

Application Process

As defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 62J.692, grant applications for clinical training are submitted to the Minnesota Department of Health by *sponsoring institutions* that coordinate applications on behalf of their accredited clinical medical education *teaching programs* and the clinical *training facilities* hosting the program’s trainees. Applications have a statutory deadline of October 31.

Grant Distribution

Distribution by Sponsoring Institution

Sponsoring institutions submitted applications on behalf of their accredited programs that had students or residents at clinical training facilities in Minnesota during the teaching programs’ 2015 fiscal year.

In total, 26 sponsoring institutions submitted grant applications. These sponsoring institutions applied on behalf of 283 teaching programs whose students/residents received clinical training in 2015.

The grant payments in Table 4 were distributed through sponsoring institutions in April 2017. As specified by statute, the sponsoring institutions were required to pass available funds on to eligible clinical training facilities within 60 days of receipt. Many entities in Minnesota are both sponsoring institutions and training sites.

Table 4 - MERC Sponsoring Institutions

Sponsoring Institution	Teaching Programs	Clinical Training Facilities	Clinical Trainee FTEs	Grant
Abbott Northwestern Hospital	2	16	30.9	\$1,017,256
Argosy University	1	2	2.1	\$81,368
Augsburg College	2	71	26.7	\$1,129,571
Bethel University	1	41	4.8	\$257,843
Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota	1	1	3.3	\$206,854
College of St. Scholastica	1	68	9.4	\$483,944
Essentia Health St. Joseph’s Medical Center	1	1	1.0	\$96,363
Essentia Health St. Mary’s Medical Center	1	1	3.0	\$119,925
Fairview Southdale Hospital	1	7	0.8	\$48,882
Hennepin County Medical Center	23	78	247.9	\$6,561,019
Mayo Clinic	107	211	1,116.4	\$3,656,367
Mercy Hospital	2	7	3.1	\$489,756
Metropolitan State University	1	3	0.1	\$12,203

Sponsoring Institution	Teaching Programs	Clinical Training Facilities	Clinical Trainee FTEs	Grant
Minnesota State University, Mankato	2	44	16.4	\$797,201
North Memorial Medical Center	1	1	0.3	\$14,933
Regions Hospital	8	40	52.6	\$1,669,920
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	1	17	38.5	\$1,963,747
St. Catherine University	3	233	62.9	\$2,504,680
St. Cloud State University	1	5	1.6	\$48,205
St. Luke's Hospital	1	1	2.0	\$137,591
Tria Orthopaedic Center Program	1	3	2.1	\$36,777
United Hospital	2	37	18.1	\$1,114,621
University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview	10	10	19.0	\$514,466
University of MN Academic Health Center	106	1,046	1,384.5	\$35,837,185
University of St. Thomas	1	2	3.3	\$98,291
Winona State University	2	24	15.9	\$228,032
Total	283	1,970	3,066.7	\$59,127,000

MERC Provider Types

Fifteen provider types are eligible to apply for MERC funding: advanced dental therapists, advanced practice nurses, clinical social workers, community health workers, community paramedics, dental residents, dental students, dental therapists, doctors of chiropractic, medical residents, medical students, pharmacy residents, pharmacy students, physician assistants, and psychologists. During the period covered by this report, four of those provider types did not apply: community health workers, community paramedics, dental therapists, and doctors of chiropractic. While programs that train community health workers did apply in a previous year, they chose not to apply during the last three reporting periods; to date, community paramedic programs have not applied. While doctors of chiropractic programs have applied in the past, they have not applied for the MERC grant since shortly after the formula changed from trainee-driven to Medicaid-driven, receiving funding for the final time in 2009.

The provider types that applied encompassed teaching programs that train students and residents in various clinical settings. Many of the clinical training facilities support trainees from multiple sponsoring institutions, programs and provider types.

Table 5 - MERC Provider Types and Training Program Applicants Fiscal Year 2015

Training Programs in Minnesota	Training Facility Applicants	Clinical Trainee FTEs
Advanced Dental Therapists	8	9.3
Metropolitan State University	3	0.1

Training Programs in Minnesota	Training Facility Applicants	Clinical Trainee FTEs
University of MN Academic Health Center	5	9.2
Advanced Practice Nurses	343	154.7
College of St. Scholastica	68	9.4
Mayo Clinic	4	41.2
Minnesota State University, Mankato	43	14.7
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	17	38.5
St. Catherine University	81	14.6
University of MN Academic Health Center	106	20.4
Winona State University	24	15.9
Clinical Social Workers	89	45.6
Augsburg College	14	5.0
Minnesota State University, Mankato	1	1.7
St. Catherine University	39	22.1
St. Cloud State University	5	1.6
University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview	1	1.0
University of MN Academic Health Center	29	14.3
Dental Residents	34	74.9
Hennepin County Medical Center	2	6.1
Mayo Clinic	8	15.4
North Memorial Medical Center	1	0.3
University of MN Academic Health Center	23	53.1
Dental Students	7	169.0
University of MN Academic Health Center	7	169.0
Medical Residents	832	1,943.5
Abbott Northwestern Hospital	15	26.7
Fairview Southdale Hospital	7	0.8
Hennepin County Medical Center	63	229.7
Mayo Clinic	185	943.0
Mercy Hospital	5	2.7
Regions Hospital	39	51.6
Tria Orthopaedic Center Program	3	2.1
United Hospital	36	15.0
University of MN Academic Health Center	479	672.0
Medical Students	205	412.6
Mayo Clinic	7	107.7
University of MN Academic Health Center	198	305.0
PharmD Residents	67	66.6
Abbott Northwestern Hospital	1	4.2
Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota	1	3.3

Training Programs in Minnesota	Training Facility Applicants	Clinical Trainee FTEs
Essentia Health St. Joseph's Medical Center	1	1.0
Essentia Health St. Mary's Medical Center	1	3.0
Hennepin County Medical Center	12	9.4
Mayo Clinic	7	9.2
Mercy Hospital	2	0.5
Regions Hospital	1	1.0
St. Luke's Hospital	1	2.0
United Hospital	1	3.0
University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview	9	18.0
University of MN Academic Health Center	30	12.0
PharmD Students	163	118.9
University of MN Academic Health Center	163	118.9
Physician Assistants	211	52.7
Augsburg College	57	21.7
Bethel University	41	4.8
St. Catherine University	113	26.2
Psychologists	11	18.8
Argosy University	2	2.1
Hennepin County Medical Center	1	2.8
University of MN Academic Health Center	6	10.6
University of St. Thomas	2	3.3
Total	1,970	3,066.7

Grants by Classification of the Training Facility

Training that is supported via the MERC program takes place in a variety of settings. The facility types in Table 6 received 2017 grants.

Table 6 - MERC Facility Types Receiving Grants

Types of Training Facilities	Clinical Trainee FTEs	Funding
Hospital	2,114.3	\$50,417,504
Physician Clinic	631.4	\$4,971,518
Pharmacy	38.5	\$1,396,543
Federally Qualified Health Center	29.2	\$739,619
Community Mental Health Center	17.6	\$693,203
Bill Entity For Mental Health	8.9	\$154,625
Rehabilitation Agency	1.4	\$149,141
Ambulatory Surgery Center	2.3	\$99,611

Types of Training Facilities	Clinical Trainee	
	FTEs	Funding
Hospice	1.3	\$93,471
Family Planning Agency	0.9	\$91,458
Community Health Clinic	1.5	\$73,386
Dental Clinic	205.7	\$62,234
Chemical Health	2.1	\$44,240
Regional Treatment Center	1.0	\$42,873
Rural Health Clinic	1.4	\$34,942
Public Health Clinic	3.0	\$22,585
Public Health Nursing Organization	0.3	\$21,060
Bill Entity For Physician Services	1.8	\$7,742
School District	2.5	\$5,874
Intensive Residential Treatment Services	1.0	\$5,371

Grants are based on a formula which includes the Medical Assistance revenue at each training facility and caps grants at the facility's cost of clinical training. The prior grant distribution reflected two years of training, while the current distribution reflects one year.

The top five facility types that hosted the largest amount of trainees for each of the provider types that received funding are shown in Table 7. While revenue is used to calculate funding at a facility level, the number of trainees within each provider type or program are used to determine the share of the grant attributed to training for each teaching program and provider type.

Table 7 - Top Five Facility Types Hosting Students/Residents

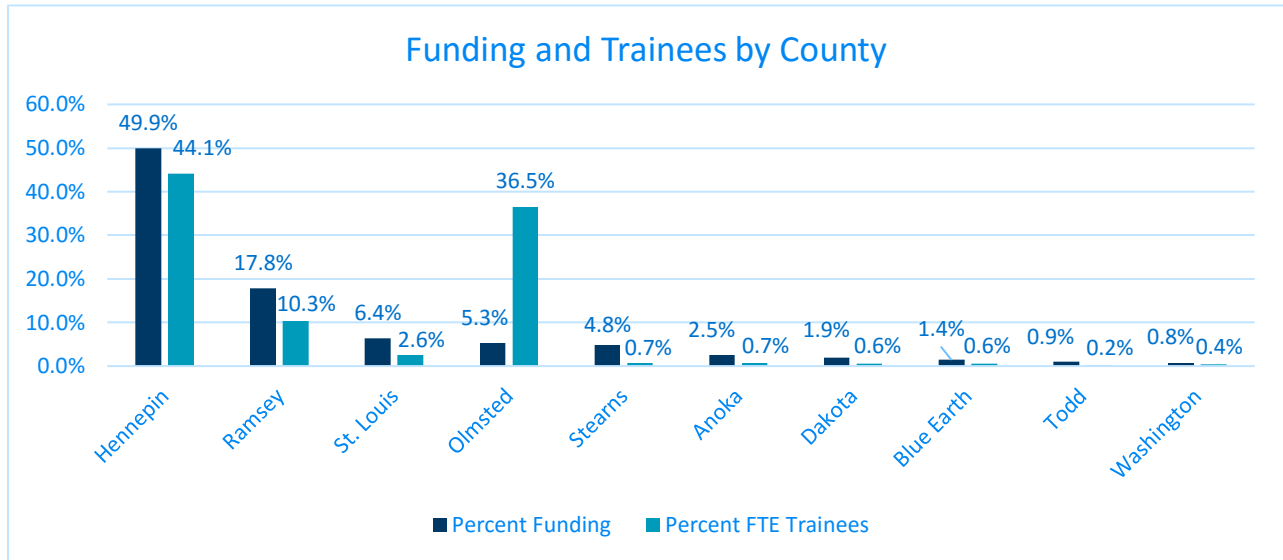
Provider Type	Hospital	Physician Clinic	Dental Clinic	Pharmacy	Federally Qualified Health Center
Advanced Dental Therapists	0.5		8.0		0.5
Advanced Practice Nurses	113.3	36.6			1.6
Clinical Social Workers	14.7	2.2			0.8
Dental Residents	23.8	8.9	42.2		0.0
Dental Students	3.3		155.5		10.2
Medical Residents	1,463.5	468.6			6.0
Medical Students	321.6	85.0			5.3
PharmD Residents	55.4	4.8		2.6	3.2
PharmD Students	74.2	4.7		35.9	1.6
Physician Assistants	31.3	20.5			
Psychologists	12.6				

Provider Type	Hospital	Physician Clinic	Dental Clinic	Pharmacy	Federally Qualified Health Center
Total	2,114.3	631.4	205.7	38.5	29.2

Distribution by County

Similar to the county’s share of Medicaid, the largest grants were paid to facilities in Hennepin County and Ramsey County, while the bulk of clinical training occurred in Hennepin County and Olmsted County. This result is largely due to the relatively smaller share of Medicaid at clinical training facilities in Olmsted County. The results by county have been consistent over time, with a slight decrease in funding in recent years to counties who previously qualified for the supplemental grant.

Figure 1 Top Ten Counties Funded



Grants to Clinical Training Facilities

Each sponsoring institution and teaching program submits an application for the facilities where their students or residents received their clinical training. MDH received a total of 26 sponsoring institution applications requesting funding for a total of 626 distinct clinical training facilities who hosted trainees from multiple teaching disciplines.

Of the 626 distinct training sites, 428 meet the necessary qualifications to be considered for the funding formula. To qualify, a training facility must have a minimum of 0.1 FTEs, submit clinical training expenditures of at least \$5,000 (the minimum grant amount), and have Medical Assistance revenue in the data year. A total of 198 distinct facilities did not meet these initial qualifications, most (156) because they were under the FTE minimum.

Of the 428 training facilities meeting the initial qualifications, 371 received grants. The other 57 facilities did not qualify under the formula, which determined their grant amount was less than the

\$5,000 minimum facility grant. The formula is based on Medical Assistance revenue; therefore, facilities affected by the minimum grant amount typically do not have a high share of Medical Assistance revenue compared to other grant applicants.

Clinical training was provided by applicant facilities to more than 3,066 FTE trainees in 2015. Facilities hosting the trainees can fluctuate year-to-year; therefore, some facilities that hosted trainees in 2015 did not host trainees in the prior training period. Table 8 outlines the total number of facilities that qualified in 2015 and FTEs within the specific grant range.

Table 8 - Grant Ranges

Grant	Facilities	FTE Trainees
\$5,000,000 to \$9,999,999	3	883.2
\$1,000,000 to \$4,999,999	11	1,095.5
\$500,000 to \$999,999	8	500.0
\$100,000 to \$499,999	28	71.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	38	66.1
\$20,000 to \$49,999	102	298.7
\$10,000 to \$19,999	81	50.6
\$5,000 to \$9,999	100	46.2
Below Minimum Grant	57	30.7
Applied - Didn't Qualify	198	24.1
Total Distinct Applicants	626	3,066.7

A total of 255 sites did not qualify for a grant due to either the \$5,000 minimum or not meeting the initial qualifications.

Table 9 includes the top 20 grant recipients, who together received over 76 percent of the total grant and hosted over 80 percent of the trainees.

Table 9 - Top 20 Grant Recipients

Clinical Training Facility	Location	MHCP Provider Type	FTE Trainees	Grant
Hennepin County Medical Center	Minneapolis	Hospital	376.9	\$9,408,241
UMMC Fairview	Minneapolis	Hospital	424.8	\$5,363,311
Children's Health Care Minneapolis	Minneapolis	Hospital	81.5	\$5,125,530
Regions Hospital	St Paul	Hospital	168.5	\$3,884,755
Abbott Northwestern Hospital	Minneapolis	Hospital	74.6	\$2,475,501
St Cloud Hospital	St Cloud	Hospital	16.3	\$2,471,992

Clinical Training Facility	Location	MHCP Provider Type	FTE Trainees	Grant
Mayo Clinic Hospital Rochester	Rochester	Hospital	675.2	\$2,458,166
North Memorial Health Care	Robbinsdale	Hospital	32.4	\$1,935,664
United Hospital Inc	St Paul	Hospital	19.5	\$1,480,675
Park Nicollet Methodist Hosp	St Louis Park	Hospital	31.4	\$1,328,702
Gillette Children’s Spec Hosp	St Paul	Hospital	15.4	\$1,232,452
Essentia Health St Mary’s Medical Center	Duluth	Hospital	29.4	\$1,176,478
HealthEast St Joseph’s Hospital	St Paul	Hospital	19.0	\$1,078,564
HealthEast St John’s Hospital	Maplewood	Hospital	13.8	\$1,025,574
Mercy Hospital	Coon Rapids	Hospital	5.7	\$980,772
St Luke’s Hospital	Duluth	Hospital	13.2	\$928,240
Fairview Ridges Hospital	Burnsville	Hospital	4.5	\$738,750
Fairview Southdale Hospital	Minneapolis	Hospital	7.6	\$711,951
Essentia Health Duluth	Duluth	Hospital	10.8	\$701,823
Mayo Clinic	Rochester	Physician	443.3	\$610,758
		Total	2,463.8	\$45,117,899

A relatively small number of clinical training sites are responsible for most of the training that is supported by MERC. Twenty-one facilities hosted at least 10 FTEs. These facilities represented 87 percent of the qualifying FTEs trained in Minnesota and received slightly more than 73 percent of the available MERC funds. There were six facilities hosting more than 150 FTEs. Combined, the six facilities account for 74 percent of the qualifying trainees in Minnesota and received just under 37 percent of the available funding. Because grants are based on relative Medicaid volume, rather than on number of FTEs, the grant per FTE varies widely across facilities.

Table 10 - Training Facilities Hosting More Than 10 FTEs

Clinical Training Facility	Location	MHCP Provider Type	FTE Trainees	Grant
Mayo Clinic Hospital Rochester	Rochester	Hospital	675.2	\$2,458,166
Mayo Clinic	Rochester	Physician	443.3	\$610,758

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UMMC Fairview	Minneapolis	Hospital	424.8	\$5,363,311
Hennepin County Medical Center	Minneapolis	Hospital	376.9	\$9,408,241
Univ of MN School of Dentistry	Minneapolis	Dentist	183.9	\$26,490
Regions Hospital	St Paul	Hospital	168.5	\$3,884,755
Children's Health Care Minneapolis	Minneapolis	Hospital	81.5	\$5,125,530
Abbott Northwestern Hospital	Minneapolis	Hospital	74.6	\$2,475,501
North Memorial Health Care	Robbinsdale	Hospital	32.4	\$1,935,664
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United Hospital Inc	St Paul	Hospital	19.5	\$1,480,675
HealthEast St Joseph's Hospital	St Paul	Hospital	19.0	\$1,078,564
St Cloud Hospital	St Cloud	Hospital	16.3	\$2,471,992
Gillette Children's Spec Hosp	St Paul	Hospital	15.4	\$1,232,452
HealthPartners Specialty Center 401	St Paul	Physician	14.2	\$28,224
HealthEast St John's Hospital	Maplewood	Hospital	13.8	\$1,025,574
St Luke's Hospital	Duluth	Hospital	13.2	\$928,240
UMP Broadway Family Medicine	Minneapolis	Physician	12.4	\$63,052
Mayo Clinic Health System - Mankato	Mankato	Hospital	11.1	\$605,899
Essentia Health Duluth	Duluth	Hospital	10.8	\$701,823
Total			2,667.6	\$43,410,091

Training Expenditures

Currently, expenditures are gathered directly from eligible facilities during the application process. Grantees are required to submit clinical training expenditures associated with the trainee FTEs in the

MERC application. To date, grantees have been allowed an option to submit expenditures based on actual cost, estimated costs which are based on historical average clinical training cost data collected by provider type and multiplied times trainee time, or a combination of the two.

Although there has been improvement in the percentage of facilities submitting actual expenditures (33 percent in 2015 vs 29 percent in 2014 vs 25 percent in 2013), the program will need to continue to work with facilities to base reporting on actual rather than estimated expenditures.

Table 11 - Expenditures

Fiscal Year Training	FY2015	FY2014	FY2013
Distinct Site Applicants	626	597	578
Sites under 0.1 FTEs	156	102	80
Expenditure Requests	470	495	498
Actual Expenditures Submitted	149	130	108
Combination – Actual/Estimated Expenditures Submitted	54	52	49
Estimated Expenditures Submitted	244	262	281
Expenditures Not Submitted/Withdrew Applications	23	51	60
Total Sites Submitting Expenditures*	447	444	438
Expenditures Submitted*	\$403,824,975	\$381,539,320	\$397,196,400
Sites with Expenditures under \$5,000*	11	20	6
Total Number of Sites with Expenditures \$5,000 of Higher*	436	424	432

*This does not account for facilities that did not meet the FTE minimum or chose not to apply.

Based on expenditure reporting data, in a typical grant cycle, MERC supports about 14-16% of the overall reported health professions expenditures.

The expenditure limits incent training facilities to take on additional trainees when their Medicaid volume is high and their prior trainee count is low. However, larger facilities that already have expenditures beyond their grant amounts will not see an increase by taking on new provider types or additional trainees.

For state fiscal year 2017 funding, there were 167 facilities whose share of the grant pool, based on their Medicaid revenue, exceeded their training expenditures. Consequently, their grant was capped at their reported expenditure amount as required by statute. The trainee FTE count for the facilities who were capped at their expenditures ranged from 0.1 FTEs to 16.3 FTEs. The Medicaid revenue calculation for these facilities initially allowed grants ranging from an additional \$3 to \$1.1 million beyond their expenditure cap.

Historical Comparisons

The MERC program, and the formula that governs how MERC funds are distributed, has changed significantly over time. Current elements of the distribution formula include:

- Medicaid revenue: Eligible applicants receive a share of the MERC pool based on their Medicaid revenues compared to the Medicaid revenues of all other applicants. This is the dominant variable in the formula.
- Minimum training threshold: Applicants must train at least 0.1 FTE trainees to qualify for consideration. If they meet this threshold, they are entitled to their proportionate share of the grant pool based on Medicaid revenues, limited by certain outlier controls.
- Outlier controls: Awards cannot exceed the amount of an applicant's reported expenditures or the 95th percentile of the average award for each FTE in the training site pool. There is also a minimum \$5,000 award level that has eliminated grants as small as 94 cents.

This distribution was the first cycle in which the formula changes provided by 2013 MERC legislation were applied to data from a single year of clinical training.

The interplay among these variables can have unpredictable effects. For example, six additional provider types were added by law to MERC in 2013 (advanced dental therapists, clinical social workers, community health workers, community paramedics, dental therapists, and psychologists), and several other changes were made to the MERC program's eligibility and distribution criteria. But determining the impact of the newly-added provider types is difficult since the grant is based on a formula that is weighted not on the type or cost of training, but on the volume of Medicaid revenue at each facility.

The Medicaid volume at a facility will not necessarily increase when a new provider type begins training at a facility. While the facility's costs may increase due to the structure of the clinical training they are providing, unless their Medicaid revenue increases at the same time, there will probably be no increase in their grant amount. Larger facilities that already have expenditures beyond their grant amounts will also not see an increase by taking on new provider types or additional trainees.

Under the current formula, a facility could potentially see an increase to their funding under the following circumstances: their Medicaid volume increased from the prior year while all other applicants stayed flat, their grant was previously limited to their expenditures and their expenditures

increased, their grant was limited to the 95th percentile per FTE and their FTEs increased, or the mix of facilities applying changed dramatically.

Because there are many variables in the MERC formula and application process, estimating a facility's grant from one year to the next cannot accurately be calculated, and separating out the impact of one formula change versus another is challenging. Any change to the number of facilities that apply, their revenue, their trainee FTEs, or their expenditures alters not only their potential grant but the grants of all applicants.

What was believed to be the most significant impact of the 2013 legislative changes, and perhaps the only one whose impact can be more directly examined, was made by the phased elimination of the supplemental funding that was paid to facilities whose Medicaid revenue was 0.98 percent of the MERC applicants' total Medicaid revenue pool. Under this mechanism, facilities who historically had a large Medicaid population had been receiving a supplemental grant equal to 20% of their grant through 2013, and a smaller supplemental grant in 2014 and 2015. With the elimination of this portion of the formula, it was expected that the grant amounts received by these facilities would decrease as the supplemental grant was phased out. Since the current distribution is the first year these formula changes can more accurately be measured (comparing one year of data instead of the previous period which combined two years of data), the impact was not as significant as predicted. This may be because the implementation of capping grants at a clinical training site's expenditures reduced the impact of the elimination of the supplemental grant.

Table 12 – Supplemental Grant Phase-out

Supplemental Grant Phase-out	2013 Funding	2014 Funding	2015 Funding	2016 Funding and beyond
PMAF Funds	20%	10%	10%	0%
Cigarette Funds	20%	20%*	20%*	0%

*Phase-out delayed due to CMS approval of MERC State Plan Amendment.

Table 13 compares the facilities that were in the top twenty during one or more of the funding years indicated. One caveat for 2016 funding was facilities whose grant may have been capped at their expenditures in the prior distribution, may have qualified for additional funding because expenditures for two years were considered in the 2016 distribution as part of the combination of two data years. The effect this may have had on the total distribution is unknown; however, it is assumed that a facility whose grant was typically capped would receive more funding from the 2016 funding. Funding in 2017 is the first distribution that not only has the formula changes in full-effect, but also reflects the standard one year of data.

Table 13 – Top Grant Recipients over Past Five Funding Years

Clinical Training Facility	Location	MHCP Provider Type	2013 Funding	2014 Funding	2015 Funding	2016 Funding	2017 Funding
Hennepin County Medical Center	Minneapolis	Hospital	\$4,691,464+	\$11,123,229+	\$10,684,041+	\$8,663,410	\$9,408,241

Clinical Training Facility	Location	MHCP Provider Type	2013 Funding	2014 Funding	2015 Funding	2016 Funding	2017 Funding
UMMC Fairview	Minneapolis	Hospital	\$2,644,885+	\$4,811,309+	\$5,255,950+	\$4,113,238	\$5,363,311
Children's Health Care Minneapolis	Minneapolis	Hospital	\$1,597,352+	\$3,155,302+	\$2,954,521+	\$4,156,276	\$5,125,530
Regions Hospital	St Paul	Hospital	\$2,090,597+	\$4,394,591+	\$4,153,639+	\$3,246,482	\$3,884,755
Abbott Northwestern Hospital	Minneapolis	Hospital	\$1,050,397+	\$2,208,541+	\$2,076,124+	\$1,667,237	\$2,475,501
St Cloud Hospital	St Cloud	Hospital	\$666,658+	\$1,999,411+	\$2,135,722+	\$1,768,835	\$2,471,992
Mayo Clinic Hospital Rochester	Rochester	Hospital	\$1,003,058+	\$2,001,856+	\$2,016,219+	\$1,674,301	\$2,458,166
North Memorial Health Care	Robbinsdale	Hospital	\$1,099,627+	\$2,077,248+	\$2,070,268+	\$1,510,112	\$1,935,664
United Hospital Inc.	St Paul	Hospital	\$792,714+	\$1,728,344+	\$1,629,541+	\$1,150,094	\$1,480,675
Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital	St. Louis Park	Hospital	\$467,470+	\$891,551+	\$903,865+	\$822,647	\$1,328,702
Gillette Children's Spec Hospital	St. Paul	Hospital	\$528,150+	\$961,707+	\$934,020+	\$880,775	\$1,232,452
Essentia Health St. Mary's Medical Center	Duluth	Hospital	\$497,883+	\$958,830+	\$981,297+	\$893,691	\$1,176,478
HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital	St. Paul	Hospital	\$457,057+	\$1,114,428+	\$1,120,358+	\$811,750	\$1,078,564
HealthEast St. John's Hospital	Maplewood	Hospital	\$448,927+	\$993,652+	\$1,009,407+	\$753,704	\$1,025,574
Mercy Hospital	Coon Rapids	Hospital	\$603,493+	\$666,858+*	\$869,877+*	\$951,190	\$980,772
St. Luke's Hospital	Duluth	Hospital	\$202,723	\$466,442++	\$557,079++	\$623,258	\$928,240
Fairview Ridges Hospital	Burnsville	Hospital	\$180,083	\$365,311	\$392,383	\$552,836	\$738,750
Fairview Southdale Hospital	Minneapolis	Hospital	\$181,937	\$540,271++	\$547,604++	\$531,994	\$711,951
Essentia Health Duluth	Duluth	Hospital	\$194,201	\$175,753	\$282,760	\$449,091	\$701,823
Mayo Clinic	Rochester	Physician Clinic	\$378,044+	\$798,072+	\$854,654+	\$1,840,321	\$610,758
Mayo Clinic Health System - Mankato	Mankato	Hospital	\$213,454	\$292,117	\$308,038	\$690,782	\$605,899
MCHS Albert Lea & Austin	Albert Lea	Hospital	\$93,531	\$86,028	\$371,578+*	\$737,167	\$408,746
Park Nicollet Clinics	St. Louis Park	Physician Clinic	\$197,173	\$542,276++	\$569,563++	\$729,739	\$264,501
Unity Hospital	Fridley	Hospital	\$430,208+	\$386,413+*	\$310,113+*	\$443,493	\$148,416
Children's Hospitals and Clinics	St Paul	Hospital	\$932,994+	\$1,741,437+	\$1,761,259+	N/A	N/A
Hennepin Faculty Associates	Minneapolis	Physician Clinic	\$973,798+	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mayo Clinic Methodist Hospital	Rochester	Hospital	\$149,650	\$486,139++	\$489,669++	N/A	N/A
Merwin Long Term Care Pharmacy #2	New Brighton	Pharmacy	\$513,988+	\$41,139	\$10,347	\$46,068	Didn't Apply
Funding for Top Sites			\$23,281,516	\$45,008,255	\$45,249,896	\$39,708,491	\$46,545,461
Total Funding Available			\$31,216,244	\$57,127,000	\$57,127,526	\$58,132,208	\$59,127,000
Percent of Total			75%	79%	79%	68%	79%

Sorted by 2017 Funding. + Qualified for Supplemental Funding. ++ Qualified for Supplemental Cigarette Funding Only.

*Did Not Qualify for Cigarette Funds & Cigarette Supplemental Funding. Capped at Expenditures after PMAP formula.

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While, in general, the largest grant recipients remained the same across the five years, there have been some fluctuations in the overall grants year-to-year. With the formula being so complex, it's difficult to pinpoint one thing that impacted the grants the most. Approximately 100 sites fluctuate in applying year-to-year, each provider's revenue changes year-to-year, and clinical training expenditures change year-to-year. With that being said, Table 14 compares the top grant recipients in 2017 to grants in 2013, which was the last distribution under the prior formula.

Table 14 – Top Grant Recipients in 2017 Compared to 2013

Clinical Training Facility	Location	MHCP Provider Type	Percent of Funds 2013	Percent of Funds 2017
Hennepin County Medical Center	Minneapolis	Hospital	15.0% ⁺	15.9% [*]
UMMC Fairview	Minneapolis	Hospital	8.5% ⁺	9.1%
Children's Health Care Minneapolis	Minneapolis	Hospital	5.1% ⁺	8.7% [*]
Regions Hospital	St Paul	Hospital	6.7% ⁺	6.6%
Abbott Northwestern Hospital	Minneapolis	Hospital	3.4% ⁺	4.2%
St Cloud Hospital	St Cloud	Hospital	2.1% ⁺	4.2%
Mayo Clinic Hospital Rochester	Rochester	Hospital	3.2% ⁺	4.2% [*]
North Memorial Health Care	Robbinsdale	Hospital	3.5% ⁺	3.3%
United Hospital Inc.	St Paul	Hospital	2.5% ⁺	2.5%
Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital	St. Louis Park	Hospital	1.5% ⁺	2.2%
Gillette Children's Spec Hospital	St. Paul	Hospital	1.7% ⁺	2.1%
Essentia Health St. Mary's Medical Center	Duluth	Hospital	1.6% ⁺	2.0%
HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital	St. Paul	Hospital	1.5% ⁺	1.8%
HealthEast St. John's Hospital	Maplewood	Hospital	1.4% ⁺	1.7%
Mercy Hospital	Coon Rapids	Hospital	1.9% ⁺	1.7%
St. Luke's Hospital	Duluth	Hospital	0.6%	1.6%
Fairview Ridges Hospital	Burnsville	Hospital	0.6%	1.2%
Fairview Southdale Hospital	Minneapolis	Hospital	0.6%	1.2%
Essentia Health Duluth	Duluth	Hospital	0.6%	1.2%

Clinical Training Facility	Location	MHCP Provider Type	Percent of Funds 2013	Percent of Funds 2017
Mayo Clinic	Rochester	Physician Clinic	1.2% ⁺	1.0%
Mayo Clinic Health System - Mankato	Mankato	Hospital	0.7%	1.0%
MCHS Albert Lea & Austin	Albert Lea	Hospital	0.3%	0.7%
Park Nicollet Clinics	St. Louis Park	Physician Clinic	0.6%	0.4%
Unity Hospital	Fridley	Hospital	1.4% ⁺	0.3%
Children's Hospitals and Clinics	St Paul	Hospital	3.0% ⁺	N/A [*]
Hennepin Faculty Associates	Minneapolis	Physician Clinic	3.1% ⁺	N/A [*]
Mayo Clinic Methodist Hospital	Rochester	Hospital	0.5%	N/A [*]
Merwin Long Term Care Pharmacy #2	New Brighton	Pharmacy	1.6% ⁺	Didn't apply

⁺ Qualified for Supplemental Funding.

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Conclusion and Next Steps

For nearly 20 years, the MERC program has played a critical role in providing funding to clinical training sites across Minnesota, as part of a comprehensive set of initiatives designed to ensure that Minnesota's health care workforce is robust and responsive to a changing payment, care delivery and training landscape. The program now operates more efficiently and has implemented expenditure reporting to ensure that funds received do not exceed training costs. New health professions and training sites have joined the program since 2013, but it remains unclear whether recent efforts designed to incent more facilities to offer clinical training have had the desired impact, or whether there are other actions that Minnesota could take to ensure sufficient clinical training opportunities for the healthcare workforce of the future. In the coming year, MDH will continue to work with stakeholders to identify opportunities to improve expenditure reporting, streamline the application and distribution processes, and to regularly engage stakeholders in improving and expanding the health professions clinical training needed to support Minnesota's health workforce needs.

Appendix A – MERC Grant Applicants Receiving Funds

Clinical Training Facility	Location	MHCP Provider Type	FTE Trainees	Grant
Abbott Northwestern Hospital	Minneapolis	Hospital	74.6	\$2,475,501
Accend Services Incorporated	Duluth	Bill Entity for Mental Health	0.9	\$22,733
Affiliated Community Medical Center	Benson	Physician	0.1	\$8,094
Affiliated Community Medical Center	Granite Falls	Physician	0.1	\$9,266
Affiliated Community Medical Center	Redwood Falls	Physician	0.3	\$20,670
Affiliated Medical Centers PA	Willmar	Physician	1.2	\$75,248
Allina AHCS SeniorCare	St Paul	Physician	0.5	\$7,325
Allina Health Annandale Clinic	Annandale	Physician	0.2	\$7,071
Allina Health Bandana Square Clinic	St Paul	Physician	0.8	\$74,490
Allina Health Bloomington Clinic	Bloomington	Physician	0.2	\$9,853
Allina Health Brooklyn Park Clinic	Brooklyn Park	Physician	0.2	\$8,706
Allina Health Burnsville Clinic	Burnsville	Physician	0.2	\$9,843
Allina Health Cambridge Clinic	Cambridge	Physician	0.8	\$39,825
Allina Health Cambridge Pharmacy	Cambridge	Pharmacy	0.1	\$5,086
Allina Health Champlin Clinic	Champlin	Physician	0.3	\$15,373
Allina Health Clinic - Buffalo	Buffalo	Physician	0.1	\$6,177
Allina Health Coon Rapids Clinic	Coon Rapids	Physician	1.2	\$58,877
Allina Health Cottage Grove Clinic	Cottage Grove	Physician	0.3	\$14,600

Clinical Training Facility	Location	MHCP Provider Type	FTE Trainees	Grant
Allina Health Cottage Grove Pharm	Cottage Grove	Pharmacy	0.2	\$7,206
Allina Health Faribault Clinic	Faribault	Physician	1.0	\$52,057
Allina Health First Street Clinic	Hastings	Physician	0.9	\$35,346
Allina Health Fridley Clinic	Fridley	Physician	1.6	\$36,967
Allina Health Mercy Pharmacy	Coon Rapids	Pharmacy	0.7	\$9,899
Allina Health Nininger Clinic	Hastings	Physician	0.2	\$5,495
Allina Health Northfield Clinic	Northfield	Physician	1.1	\$43,802
Allina Health Owatonna Pharmacy	Owatonna	Pharmacy	0.4	\$5,237
Allina Health Phillips Eye Institute	Minneapolis	Pharmacy	0.3	\$6,427
Allina Health Piper Bldg Pharmacy	Minneapolis	Pharmacy	0.2	\$7,206
Allina Health Ramsey Clinic	Ramsey	Physician	0.2	\$8,519
Allina Health Shakopee Clinic	Shakopee	Physician	0.1	\$5,679
Allina Health Shoreview Clinic	Shoreview	Physician	0.4	\$21,064
Allina Health St Michael Clinic	St Michael	Physician	0.3	\$10,717
Allina Health United Pharmacy	St Paul	Pharmacy	0.4	\$14,116
Allina Health Unity Pharmacy	Fridley	Pharmacy	1.4	\$19,651
Allina Health Uptown Clinic	Minneapolis	Physician	0.4	\$10,179
Allina Health Vadnais Hts Clinic	Vadnais Heights	Physician	0.2	\$6,716
Allina Health West St Paul Clinic	West St Paul	Physician	0.3	\$14,306
Allina Health WestHealth Pharmacy	Plymouth	Pharmacy	0.2	\$7,206
Allina Health Woodbury Clinic	Woodbury	Physician	0.6	\$29,215
Allina Health United Med Specialists	St Paul	Physician	0.4	\$28,269
Allina Hosp Clinics Hospice	St Paul	Hospice	0.5	\$7,630

Clinical Training Facility	Location	MHCP Provider Type	FTE Trainees	Grant
Altru Clinic Roseau	Roseau	Physician	0.3	\$14,367
Anoka Metro Reg Treatment Center	Anoka	Regional Treatment Center	1.0	\$42,873
Appleton Municipal Hospital	Appleton	Hospital	0.1	\$6,398
Arthritis & Rheumatology Consult	Edina	Physician	0.7	\$24,486
Associated Clinic of Psychology	Minneapolis	Physician	0.2	\$12,405
Barons Pharmacy	Hibbing	Pharmacy	0.2	\$8,054
Beechwood Inc	Minneapolis	Bill Entity for Mental Health	0.5	\$8,927
Bluestone Physician Services PA	Stillwater	Physician	0.2	\$20,317
Buffalo Clinic	Buffalo	Physician	0.7	\$32,876
CADT Residential Treatment Facility	Duluth	Chemical Health	0.2	\$8,054
Cambridge Medical Center	Cambridge	Hospital	1.7	\$84,743
Canvas Health Incorporated	Oakdale	Community Mental Health Center	1.3	\$80,303
Carlson Drake House	Bloomington	Intensive Residential Treatment Services	0.8	\$5,371
Cash Wise Pharmacy #9	Waite Park	Pharmacy	0.2	\$8,054
Cedar Riverside Peoples Center	Minneapolis	Federally Qualified Health Center	0.3	\$63,095
Center for Sexual Health	Minneapolis	Physician	0.6	\$5,826
CentraCare Clinic Internal Medicine	St Cloud	Physician	0.5	\$6,189
CentraCare Clinic River Campus	St Cloud	Physician	1.2	\$157,533
CentraCare Clinic-Women Children's	St Cloud	Physician	0.4	\$18,184
CentraCare Health Monticello Hosp	Monticello	Hospital	0.2	\$11,457

Clinical Training Facility	Location	MHCP Provider Type	FTE Trainees	Grant
CentraCare Health-Paynesville Hosp	Paynesville	Hospital	0.7	\$31,036
CentraCare Health System Long Prairie	Long Prairie	Hospital	0.8	\$47,842
CentraCare Pharmacy Health Plaza	St Cloud	Pharmacy	0.3	\$12,292
CentraCare Surgery Center LLC	St Cloud	Ambulatory Surgery Center	0.5	\$21,614
Central Minnesota Mental Health Center	St Cloud	Community Mental Health Center	0.3	\$15,485
Children's Dental Services Inc	Minneapolis	Community Health Clinic	0.3	\$45,353
Children's Health Care Minneapolis	Minneapolis	Hospital	81.5	\$5,125,530
Children's Heart Clinic	Minneapolis	Physician	0.4	\$20,125
Chippewa County Montevideo Hospital	Montevideo	Hospital	1.1	\$66,840
Christian Recovery Center	Golden Valley	Bill Entity for Mental Health	0.2	\$6,214
Coborn's Pharmacy #2006	Little Falls	Pharmacy	0.7	\$34,462
Coborn's Pharmacy #29	Albertville	Pharmacy	0.3	\$9,824
Coborn's Pharmacy #30	Park Rapids	Pharmacy	0.2	\$6,782
Coborn's Pharmacy #31	Big Lake	Pharmacy	0.4	\$18,650
Coborn's Pharmacy #8	Clearwater	Pharmacy	0.3	\$11,021
Community Memorial Hospital	Cloquet	Hospital	1.1	\$122,087
Community University Health Care	Minneapolis	Federally Qualified Health Center	7.8	\$247,889
Crosstown Surgery Center LLC	Edina	Ambulatory Surgery Center	0.3	\$23,519
Cub Pharmacy #1633	Plymouth	Pharmacy	0.6	\$9,415
Cub Pharmacy #1651	Rosemount	Pharmacy	0.2	\$7,206

Clinical Training Facility	Location	MHCP Provider Type	FTE Trainees	Grant
Cub Pharmacy #1654	Brooklyn Park	Pharmacy	0.8	\$8,157
Cub Pharmacy #1915	West St Paul	Pharmacy	0.2	\$7,206
Cub Pharmacy #1918	White Bear Lake	Pharmacy	0.3	\$8,733
Cub Pharmacy #1924	St Louis Park	Pharmacy	1.1	\$10,249
Cuyuna Regional Medical Center	Crosby	Hospital	1.4	\$68,252
Deer River Healthcare Center	Deer River	Hospital	0.5	\$37,266
Dental Clinic	Minneapolis	Dentist	4.2	\$11,841
District One Hospital	Faribault	Hospital	0.9	\$37,677
Douglas County Hospital	Alexandria	Hospital	0.8	\$32,638
Duluth Family Medicine Clinic	Duluth	Physician	8.2	\$17,130
East Side Family Clinic	St Paul	Federally Qualified Health Center	1.0	\$77,871
Eastside Family Clinic-Dental	St Paul	Federally Qualified Health Center	6.9	\$42,231
EH St Mary's Detroit Lakes Hospital	Detroit Lakes	Hospital	0.4	\$42,623
Entira Family Clinics East Side	St Paul	Physician	0.4	\$18,025
Entira Family Clinics Mplwd/B Creek	Maplewood	Physician	0.1	\$6,952
Entira Family Clinics North St Paul	North St Paul	Physician	0.4	\$13,325
Entira Family Clinics West St Paul	West St Paul	Physician	0.4	\$8,065
Entira Family Clinics Woodbury	Woodbury	Physician	0.4	\$5,951
Entira Family Clinics Como/Roseville	St Paul	Physician	0.1	\$6,476
Essentia Health 1St St Pharmacy	Duluth	Pharmacy	0.3	\$49,991

Clinical Training Facility	Location	MHCP Provider Type	FTE Trainees	Grant
Essentia Health Duluth	Duluth	Hospital	10.8	\$701,823
Essentia Health Ely Clinic	Ely	Physician	1.0	\$9,513
Essentia Health International Falls	Intl Falls	Pharmacy	0.2	\$6,596
Essentia Health Lakewalk Pharmacy	Duluth	Pharmacy	0.4	\$10,686
Essentia Health Northern Pines	Aurora	Hospital	0.4	\$26,095
Essentia Health Third St Pharmacy	Duluth	Pharmacy	0.7	\$47,183
Essentia Health Virginia	Virginia	Hospital	1.5	\$68,140
Essentia Health-St Joseph's Med Center	Brainerd	Hospital	2.7	\$256,808
Essentia Health St Mary's Medical Center	Duluth	Hospital	29.4	\$1,176,478
Essentia Health-Baxter Specialty Clinic	Baxter	Physician	0.3	\$12,312
Eye Surgeons & Physicians PA	St Cloud	Physician	0.1	\$9,783
Face To Face Health Counseling	St Paul	Community Health Clinic	0.9	\$28,033
Fairmont Med Center Mayo Health System	Fairmont	Hospital	1.1	\$52,166
Fairview Cedar Ridge Pharmacy	Apple Valley	Pharmacy	0.2	\$9,749
Fairview Clinics - Andover	Andover	Physician	0.9	\$27,437
Fairview Clinics - Apple Valley	Apple Valley	Physician	0.2	\$15,308
Fairview Clinics - Blaine	Blaine	Physician	0.1	\$20,995
Fairview Clinics - Brooklyn Park	Brooklyn Park	Physician	0.5	\$46,550
Fairview Clinics - Burnsville	Burnsville	Physician	0.3	\$17,369
Fairview Clinics - Chisago City	Chisago City	Physician	0.4	\$8,683
Fairview Clinics - Columbia Heights	Columbia Heights	Physician	0.3	\$24,206

Clinical Training Facility	Location	MHCP Provider Type	FTE Trainees	Grant
Fairview Clinics - Eagan	Eagan	Physician	1.8	\$17,633
Fairview Clinics - Eden Prairie	Eden Prairie	Physician	0.3	\$9,637
Fairview Clinics - Elk River	Elk River	Physician	0.8	\$19,807
Fairview Clinics - Fridley	Fridley	Physician	0.4	\$23,267
Fairview Clinics - Hiawatha	Minneapolis	Physician	0.6	\$9,681
Fairview Clinics - Lino Lakes	Lino Lakes	Physician	0.5	\$9,116
Fairview Clinics - Maple Grove	Maple Grove	Physician	1.4	\$79,671
Fairview Clinics - New Brighton	New Brighton	Physician	0.5	\$14,278
Fairview Clinics - Princeton	Princeton	Physician	0.8	\$34,638
Fairview Clinics - Riverside	Minneapolis	Physician	0.6	\$30,119
Fairview Clinics - Rosemount	Rosemount	Physician	0.2	\$5,457
Fairview Clinics - Rush City	Rush City	Physician	0.1	\$8,821
Fairview Clinics - Wyoming	Wyoming	Physician	0.5	\$36,050
Fairview Clinics-University Children's	Minneapolis	Physician	2.0	\$30,249
Fairview Counseling Center	Minneapolis	Bill Entity for Mental Health	0.6	\$5,317
Fairview Geriatric Services Group	Edina	Physician	0.8	\$20,543
Fairview Home Care and Hospice	Minneapolis	Hospice	0.5	\$74,475
Fairview Home Infusion	Minneapolis	Pharmacy	2.8	\$118,260
Fairview Lakes Regional Medical Center	Wyoming	Hospital	1.2	\$239,049
Fairview Northland Regional Hosp	Princeton	Hospital	2.8	\$229,618
Fairview Pharmacy Maple Grove	Maple Grove	Pharmacy	0.3	\$8,090

Clinical Training Facility	Location	MHCP Provider Type	FTE Trainees	Grant
Fairview Ridges Hospital	Burnsville	Hospital	4.5	\$738,750
Fairview Southdale Hospital	Minneapolis	Hospital	7.6	\$711,951
Fairview Specialty Services Pharm	Minneapolis	Pharmacy	1.6	\$67,802
Fairview Univ Medical Center Mesabi	Hibbing	Hospital	1.5	\$285,805
Falks Nursing Service Pharmacy	Duluth	Pharmacy	0.2	\$20,015
Family Innovations Inc	Anoka	Bill Entity for Mental Health	0.6	\$18,415
Family Life Center	Coon Rapids	Community Mental Health Center	0.3	\$8,170
Family Practice Med Center	Willmar	Physician	0.9	\$26,723
First Choice Pharmacy	Gaylord	Pharmacy	0.2	\$7,839
FirstLight Health System	Mora	Hospital	3.2	\$186,673
FirstLight Hinckley	Hinckley	Rural Health Clinic	0.2	\$7,799
FirstLight Pine City	Pine City	Rural Health Clinic	0.9	\$9,787
Fraser Child and Family Center	Minneapolis	Community Mental Health Center	0.5	\$119,000
Fairview Clinics-Bloomington Lake Xerxes	Bloomington	Physician	0.2	\$5,292
Gateway Family Health Clinic	Moose Lake	Physician	1.5	\$18,069
Genoa, a QoI Healthcare Company, LLC	Roseville	Pharmacy	0.7	\$59,059
Gillette Children's Spec Hosp	St Paul	Hospital	15.4	\$1,232,452
Glacial Ridge Hospital	Glenwood	Hospital	0.3	\$15,351
Glencoe Regional Health Services	Glencoe	Hospital	1.5	\$72,644
Globe Drug and Medical Equipment	Grand Rapids	Pharmacy	0.6	\$24,584
Goodrich Pharmacy Anoka	Anoka	Pharmacy	1.1	\$13,041

Clinical Training Facility	Location	MHCP Provider Type	FTE Trainees	Grant
Goodrich Pharmacy Elk River	Elk River	Pharmacy	1.1	\$5,879
Grand Itasca Clinic & Hospital	Grand Rapids	Hospital	2.2	\$106,703
Guidepoint Pharmacy #101	Brainerd	Pharmacy	1.8	\$38,253
Guidepoint Pharmacy #106	Crosby	Pharmacy	0.8	\$19,237
Hamm Memorial Psychiatric Clinic	St Paul	Community Mental Health Center	2.0	\$5,237
Health Care for the Homeless	Minneapolis	Public Health Clinic	0.2	\$14,653
HealthEast Bethesda Hospital	St Paul	Hospital	2.6	\$62,233
HealthEast Cottage Grove	Cottage Grove	Physician	0.2	\$7,635
HealthEast Downtown Phys Services	St Paul	Physician	0.6	\$6,214
HealthEast Grand Avenue Clinic	St Paul	Physician	0.2	\$14,777
HealthEast Maplewood Clinic	Maplewood	Physician	0.3	\$29,660
HealthEast Midway Clinic	St Paul	Physician	0.3	\$14,523
HealthEast Roselawn Clinic	Maplewood	Physician	0.5	\$43,521
HealthEast St John's Hospital	Maplewood	Hospital	13.8	\$1,025,574
HealthEast St Joseph's Hospital	St Paul	Hospital	19.0	\$1,078,564
HealthEast Woodbury Clinic	Woodbury	Physician	0.2	\$14,824
HealthEast Woodwinds Hospital	Woodbury	Hospital	1.1	\$63,692
HealthPartners Apple Valley Clinic	Apple Valley	Physician	0.3	\$18,467
HealthPartners Arden Hills Clinic	Arden Hills	Physician	0.2	\$9,308
HealthPartners Bloomington	Bloomington	Physician	0.2	\$5,828
HealthPartners Brooklyn Center	Brooklyn Center	Physician	0.4	\$14,689
HealthPartners Central MN Clinics	Sartell	Physician	0.2	\$25,770

Clinical Training Facility	Location	MHCP Provider Type	FTE Trainees	Grant
HealthPartners Como	St Paul	Physician	0.8	\$66,222
HealthPartners Cottage Grove Clinic	Cottage Grove	Bill Entity for Physician Services	0.2	\$7,742
HealthPartners Eagan Clinic	Eagan	Physician	0.2	\$9,210
HealthPartners Health Center for Women	St Paul	Physician	0.6	\$41,417
HealthPartners Hospice & Palliative	Minneapolis	Hospice	0.3	\$11,366
HealthPartners Inver Grove Heights	Inver Grove Hts	Physician	0.1	\$7,416
HealthPartners Mail Order Pharmacy	Eden Prairie	Pharmacy	0.3	\$11,241
HealthPartners Maplewood	Maplewood	Physician	0.5	\$30,784
HealthPartners Midway Clinic	St Paul	Physician	2.6	\$71,635
HealthPartners Riverside	Minneapolis	Physician	0.4	\$18,372
HealthPartners Specialty Center 401	St Paul	Physician	14.2	\$28,224
HealthPartners Specialty Clinic 435	St Paul	Physician	0.8	\$8,470
HealthPartners St Paul	St Paul	Physician	0.9	\$150,477
HealthPartners St Paul Pharmacy	St Paul	Pharmacy	0.2	\$17,663
HealthPartners West	St Louis Park	Physician	0.5	\$34,002
HealthPartners White Bear Lake	White Bear Lake	Physician	0.2	\$17,645
HealthPartners Woodbury	Woodbury	Physician	0.7	\$43,939
Hennepin County Medical Center	Minneapolis	Hospital	376.9	\$9,408,241
Hennepin County Medical Center	Minneapolis	Pharmacy	0.2	\$27,007
Hennepin County Public Health Clinic	Minneapolis	Public Health Clinic	2.8	\$7,932

Clinical Training Facility	Location	MHCP Provider Type	FTE Trainees	Grant
High Pointe Surgery Center	Lake Elmo	Ambulatory Surgery Center	0.2	\$14,392
Human Development Center Inc	Duluth	Community Mental Health Center	1.4	\$148,624
Hutchinson Community Hospital	Hutchinson	Hospital	0.7	\$34,254
Hy-Vee Pharmacy #1177	Faribault	Pharmacy	0.6	\$24,584
Iverson Corner Drug Inc	Bemidji	Pharmacy	0.6	\$10,788
John A Haugen Associates PA	Minneapolis	Physician	0.2	\$6,487
Lake City Med Center Mayo Health Sys	Lake City	Hospital	0.7	\$34,254
Lake Region Healthcare Corp	Fergus Falls	Hospital	2.4	\$106,312
Lake Superior Community Health Center	Duluth	Federally Qualified Health Center	0.7	\$49,526
Lake View Memorial Hospital	Two Harbors	Hospital	0.5	\$10,161
Lake View Pharmacy	Two Harbors	Pharmacy	0.4	\$5,024
Lakeview Clinic Ltd	Waconia	Physician	1.6	\$37,845
Lakeview Memorial Hospital	Stillwater	Hospital	2.9	\$93,898
Lakewood Health System	Staples	Hospital	3.8	\$509,749
Lloyds Pharmacy	St Paul	Pharmacy	0.8	\$31,790
Mankato Clinic @ Wickersham	Mankato	Physician	0.4	\$82,348
Mankato Clinic Ltd	Mankato	Physician	1.6	\$61,581
Maple Grove Hospital Corp	Maple Grove	Hospital	0.9	\$206,812
Maplewood Surgery Center	Maplewood	Ambulatory Surgery Center	0.1	\$15,707
Mayo Clinic	Rochester	Physician	443.3	\$610,758
Mayo Clinic Health System Faribault	Faribault	Physician	0.6	\$18,212

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Mayo Clinic Health System - Mankato	Mankato	Hospital	11.1	\$605,899
Mayo Clinic Health System - Mankato	Mankato	Physician	0.9	\$29,232
Mayo Clinic Health System Red Wing	Red Wing	Hospital	2.0	\$107,676
Mayo Clinic Health System St James	St James	Hospital	0.2	\$10,974
Mayo Clinic Health System - Eastridge	Mankato	Physician	4.1	\$26,511
Mayo Clinic Health System - St Peter	St Peter	Physician	0.1	\$5,679
Mayo Clinic Hospital Rochester	Rochester	Hospital	675.2	\$2,458,166
MCHS - New Prague	New Prague	Hospital	1.0	\$49,213
MCHS - New Prague in Belle Plaine	Belle Plaine	Physician	0.9	\$19,786
MCHS - Waseca Medical Center	Waseca	Hospital	0.3	\$57,577
MCHS Albert Lea & Austin	Albert Lea	Hospital	5.5	\$408,746
Mercy Hospital	Coon Rapids	Hospital	5.7	\$980,772
Metropolitan OBGYN	Maplewood	Physician	0.3	\$6,365
Metropolitan Pediatric Specialists	Shakopee	Physician	0.3	\$10,650
Mille Lacs Family Clinic Onamia	Onamia	Rural Health Clinic	0.3	\$17,356
Minneapolis Clinic of Neurology	Edina	Physician	1.0	\$7,828
Minnesota Cancer Care Pharmacy	Maplewood	Pharmacy	0.4	\$14,457
Minnesota Gastroenterology PA	Plymouth	Physician	0.5	\$14,820
Minnesota Gastroenterology PA	St Paul	Physician	0.4	\$21,045
MN Visiting Nurse Agency	Minneapolis	Public Health Nursing Organization	0.3	\$21,060

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NACC Dental Clinic	Minneapolis	Federally Qualified Health Center	2.8	\$10,089
Native American Community Clinic	Minneapolis	Federally Qualified Health Center	0.2	\$8,439
NE Metro Intermediate Dis No.0916	White Bear Lake	School District	2.5	\$5,874
Neighborhood Healthsource	Minneapolis	Federally Qualified Health Center	0.9	\$6,422
Neurological Associates of St Paul	Maplewood	Physician	0.4	\$14,819
New Ulm Medical Center	New Ulm	Hospital	1.8	\$104,649
NMC - Golden Valley Family Phys	Golden Valley	Physician	0.2	\$8,419
North Clinic PA	Robbinsdale	Physician	1.0	\$49,307
North Memorial Clinic-Brooklyn Center	Brooklyn Center	Physician	0.3	\$8,163
North Memorial Health Care	Robbinsdale	Hospital	32.4	\$1,935,664
Northern Pines Mental Health Center	Brainerd	Chemical Health	0.7	\$36,186
Northern Pines Mental Health Center	Little Falls	Community Mental Health Center	0.5	\$25,265
Northfield Hospital	Northfield	Hospital	1.0	\$49,213
Northland Counseling Center	Grand Rapids	Community Mental Health Center	0.1	\$7,676
Northland Pharmacy	Duluth	Pharmacy	0.2	\$5,955
Northpoint Health Center Pharmacy	Minneapolis	Federally Qualified Health Center	0.9	\$36,877
Northwest Orthopedic Surgeons PA	Robbinsdale	Physician	0.4	\$7,354
Northwood Children's Services	Duluth	Physician	0.4	\$43,704

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Nystrom & Associates Ltd	New Brighton	Physician	0.8	\$47,497
Oakdale Ear Nose & Throat Clinic	Minneapolis	Physician	0.2	\$8,678
Olmsted Medical Center	Rochester	Hospital	1.1	\$56,695
Open Cities Health Center	St Paul	Federally Qualified Health Center	0.3	\$12,451
Open Door Health Center	Mankato	Federally Qualified Health Center	0.2	\$10,922
Orthopaedic & Fracture Clinic PA	Mankato	Physician	0.4	\$23,023
Orthopaedic Consultants PA	Burnsville	Physician	0.2	\$9,051
Owatonna Clinic Mayo Health Sys	Owatonna	Physician	1.9	\$113,876
Owatonna Hospital	Owatonna	Hospital	3.0	\$160,704
Park Nicollet Clinic Bloomington	Bloomington	Physician	0.3	\$16,721
Park Nicollet Clinic Brookdale	Brooklyn Center	Physician	1.6	\$95,568
Park Nicollet Clinic Burnsville	Burnsville	Physician	1.8	\$91,678
Park Nicollet Clinic Carlson	Minnetonka	Physician	0.7	\$26,665
Park Nicollet Clinic Chanhassen	Chanhassen	Physician	1.4	\$31,995
Park Nicollet Clinic Creekside	St Louis Park	Physician	7.3	\$7,392
Park Nicollet Clinic Eagan	Eagan	Physician	0.6	\$19,544
Park Nicollet Clinic Meadowbrook	St Louis Park	Physician	1.4	\$121,977
Park Nicollet Clinic Minneapolis	Minneapolis	Physician	0.5	\$22,407
Park Nicollet Clinic Plymouth	Plymouth	Physician	0.3	\$17,636
Park Nicollet Clinic Prairie Center	Eden Prairie	Physician	0.7	\$12,946
Park Nicollet Clinic Prior Lake	Prior Lake	Physician	0.1	\$7,217
Park Nicollet Clinic Shakopee	Shakopee	Physician	1.2	\$25,418
Park Nicollet Clinics	St Louis Park	Physician	4.9	\$264,501

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Park Nicollet Methodist Hosp	St Louis Park	Hospital	31.4	\$1,328,702
Park Nicollet Outpt Surgery Center	Maple Grove	Physician	0.8	\$39,386
Partners in Pediatrics	Rogers	Physician	0.2	\$5,546
Partners in Pediatrics	St Louis Park	Physician	0.1	\$6,732
Pediatric Dental Clinic	Minneapolis	Dentist	5.8	\$23,903
Pediatric Services PA	St Louis Park	Physician	0.1	\$5,703
Pediatric Surgical Assocs Ltd	Minneapolis	Physician	1.0	\$24,162
People Incorporated Children & Family	New Hope	Bill Entity for Mental Health	0.9	\$16,952
Perham Health	Perham	Hospital	0.7	\$44,014
Phalen Family Pharmacy Ltd	St Paul	Pharmacy	0.6	\$25,856
Phillips Eye Institute	Minneapolis	Hospital	1.0	\$49,213
POR LLC	Golden Valley	Bill Entity for Mental Health	0.8	\$8,741
PPMNS Apple Valley	Apple Valley	Family Planning Agency	0.3	\$15,143
PPMNS Highland	St Paul	Family Planning Agency	0.6	\$76,315
Ramsey County Mental Health Center	St Paul	Community Mental Health Center	0.3	\$23,725
Regina Hospital	Hastings	Hospital	0.2	\$11,496
Regions Hospital	St Paul	Hospital	168.5	\$3,884,755
Relate Counseling Center	Minnetonka	Community Mental Health Center	0.3	\$12,091
Rice Memorial Hospital	Willmar	Hospital	6.3	\$355,350
Riverway Clinics-Elk River	Elk River	Physician	0.4	\$15,981
Riverwood Healthcare Center	Aitkin	Hospital	2.4	\$117,542
Sanford Bemidji Medical Center	Bemidji	Hospital	0.5	\$21,617

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Sanford Health Broadway Clinic	Alexandria	Physician	0.2	\$11,370
Sanford Health Detroit Lakes Clinic	Detroit Lakes	Physician	0.3	\$8,319
Sanford Luverne Medical Center	Luverne	Hospital	0.9	\$51,947
Sawtooth Mountain Clinic	Grand Marais	Federally Qualified Health Center	0.3	\$10,238
Scenic Rivers Health Services	Bigfork	Federally Qualified Health Center	0.9	\$8,692
Setzer Pharmacy Inc	Roseville	Pharmacy	1.0	\$43,235
Sleepy Eye Medical Center	Sleepy Eye	Hospital	0.1	\$5,957
Southdale Pediatric Associates Ltd	Edina	Physician	0.5	\$27,283
Southwestern Mental Health Center	Luverne	Community Mental Health Center	0.3	\$16,313
Specialists in General Surgery Ltd	Maple Grove	Physician	0.9	\$8,874
St Cloud Ear Nose & Throat	St Cloud	Physician	0.1	\$18,468
St Cloud Hospital	St Cloud	Hospital	16.3	\$2,471,992
St Cloud Medical Group	St Cloud	Physician	0.2	\$8,792
St Cloud Orthopedics	Sartell	Physician	0.1	\$18,848
St David's Center Child Family	Minnetonka	Rehabilitation Agency	1.4	\$149,141
St Elizabeth's Medical Center	Wabasha	Hospital	1.0	\$21,618
St Francis Regional Medical Center	Shakopee	Hospital	0.7	\$33,425
St Joseph's Area Health Services	Park Rapids	Hospital	0.1	\$5,977
St Luke's Hospital	Duluth	Hospital	13.2	\$928,240
Stevens Community Medical Center	Morris	Hospital	0.1	\$27,340
Stillwater Medical Group	Stillwater	Physician	0.6	\$40,998

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Surgical Consultants	Edina	Physician	0.2	\$6,053
The Family Partnership	Minneapolis	Community Mental Health Center	2.4	\$19,930
Therapeutic Services Agency Inc	Pine City	Bill Entity for Mental Health	0.9	\$50,030
Tri County Hospital	Wadena	Hospital	1.0	\$50,140
Tria Clinic	Bloomington	Physician	5.9	\$36,742
Tria Orthopaedic Center Associates LLC	Bloomington	Ambulatory Surgery Center	1.0	\$24,379
Trumm Drug Downtown	Alexandria	Pharmacy	0.2	\$6,358
Twin Cities Orthopedics PA	Edina	Physician	0.9	\$40,405
UMMC Fairview	Minneapolis	Hospital	424.8	\$5,363,311
UMP - Phalen Village Clinic	St Paul	Physician	5.3	\$32,353
UMP Bethesda Clinic	St Paul	Physician	8.9	\$58,550
UMP Broadway Family Medicine	Minneapolis	Physician	12.4	\$63,052
UMP Radiation Therapy Center	Wyoming	Physician	0.9	\$5,030
UMP Smileys Clinic	Minneapolis	Physician	8.2	\$47,951
United Family Medicine	St Paul	Federally Qualified Health Center	4.4	\$111,331
United Hospital District	Blue Earth	Hospital	0.3	\$14,893
United Hospital Inc	St Paul	Hospital	19.5	\$1,480,675
Unity Hospital	Fridley	Hospital	2.0	\$148,416
Univ of MN School of Dentistry	Minneapolis	Dentist	183.9	\$26,490
Walgreens Pharmacy #01479	Maple Grove	Pharmacy	0.2	\$14,094
Walgreens Pharmacy #02661	Apple Valley	Pharmacy	0.2	\$32,089
Walgreens Pharmacy #06280	Eden Prairie	Pharmacy	0.4	\$27,887

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Walgreens Pharmacy #07126	Duluth	Pharmacy	0.3	\$60,403
Walgreens Pharmacy #09795	St Paul	Pharmacy	2.1	\$36,916
Walgreens Pharmacy #10188	Woodbury	Pharmacy	0.9	\$13,515
Walgreens Pharmacy #11125	Hibbing	Pharmacy	0.5	\$20,726
Walgreens Pharmacy #11287	Blaine	Pharmacy	0.2	\$12,375
Walgreens Pharmacy #11834	Rochester	Pharmacy	0.4	\$17,072
Walgreens Pharmacy #11916	Minneapolis	Pharmacy	0.6	\$73,404
Walgreens Pharmacy #13690	St Paul	Pharmacy	0.4	\$12,765
Walgreens Pharmacy #13877	Duluth	Pharmacy	0.6	\$67,072
Walgreens Pharmacy #15051	St Cloud	Pharmacy	0.2	\$35,864
Washburn Center for Children	Minneapolis	Community Mental Health Center	5.0	\$92,583
Wellstone Center for Recovery	Eveleth	Bill Entity for Mental Health	0.2	\$8,302
West Side Community Health Services	St Paul	Federally Qualified Health Center	1.2	\$43,546
Wilder Children and Family Services	St Paul	Community Mental Health Center	2.0	\$118,801
Winona Health Services	Winona	Hospital	0.4	\$90,796
Woodland Hills	Duluth	Bill Entity for Mental Health	0.4	\$8,994

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