

I am a Vermont physician working for the University of North Carolina, as an advisor helping the Maple Mountain Consortium start a new community health center based family medicine physician residency in Morrisville and Randolph.

This new program achieved accreditation this week from the American Council of Graduate Medical Education. There will be 4 resident family physicians per year accepted into this residency, beginning in 2026. By training FPs in community health centers, there is a greater chance they will have their careers in these underserved environments, which is statistically proven.

It is critical that the legislature support this fledgling program, by funding \$515K to help with start up costs. Note HRSA funds these developing programs with 500K, which is half of their typical costs. Also note, residencies are typically self sustaining, by their third year. This is due to revenue generated by the residents seeing patients.

As you are aware, many Vermonters rely on getting their care in community health centers. Growing our own family physicians in these teaching health center environments is the best way to have enough primary care help going forward.

Thank you,
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