



**POLICY STATEMENT ON MEDICAL EDUCATION
ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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The Idaho Hospital Association supports the expansion of WWAMI and Utah medical school seats and the consideration of contracting for medical school seats at other universities as an immediate way to increase access to medical school for Idaho residents.

In order to increase the number of physicians practicing in Idaho, the Idaho Hospital Association supports the expansion of residency seats in family medicine and the development of new residency seats in other specialties such as internal medicine, psychiatry and general surgery, with a strong consideration of a family medicine residency in northern Idaho.

The Idaho Hospital Association reserves judgment on the development of an Idaho medical school until such time that a comprehensive business plan is developed, including a realistic plan for adequate funding.