



Established in 1995, the Montana Family Medicine Residency (MFMR) at RiverStone Health educates and trains Family Physicians to practice medicine in rural and underserved Montana communities. MFMR provides three years of required primary care specialty training for eight residents per year, after which graduates can take the Board Certified Family Physician exam. MFMR is the home location for state funded WWAMI and WICHE students to complete their training. Since inception, 105 physicians have graduated, and more than 70 percent are practicing in rural and underserved areas throughout the country.

Funding:

- 70 percent from the two Billings hospitals, derived from federal graduate medical education (GME) pass through funding, in addition to hospital contributions
- 19 percent from RiverStone Health
- 8 percent from the State of Montana
- 3 percent from small federal grants, as well as projects associated with the University of Washington School of Medicine

Residency Contributions:

- 68 MFMR graduates—65 percent—are practicing Family Medicine in Montana
- All graduates have passed the Family Medicine Board Certification examination
- Faculty and residents care for more than 19,000 underserved, primarily uninsured patients at RiverStone Health Clinic, a Federally Qualified Health Center
- Faculty and residents provide education and supervision to medical students in the WWAMI program and other medical schools; Rocky Mountain College physician assistant students; Montana State University nurse practitioner students; University of Montana pharmacy students; and other healthcare students during their clinical rotations
- Annually, MFMR provides more than 125 hours of accredited continuing medical education courses and conferences for the medical community
- MFMR faculty physicians contribute to national healthcare efforts in the areas of family medicine residency, health center policy, and evidence-based medicine

Well Respected and Nationally Sought:

- Faculty physicians are on staff at the University of Washington School of Medicine
- In FY 2015/16, MFMR fielded more than 1000 applicants for eight placements
- In partnership with RiverStone Health, was one of 11 initial Teaching Health Center grant awardees. THC are on the leading edge of educational innovation training physicians to serve the needs of the community