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AMCNO Comments on Closure of UH Family Medicine Residency Program

CLEVELAND, OH – The Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio (AMCNO) would like to express its concern for the closure of University Hospitals (UH)'s Family Medicine Residency program. With the looming shortage of 17,800 to 48,000 primary care physicians in the United States by 2034 according to the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC), the AMCNO strongly advocates for the expansion of training programs for primary care physicians.

Residency slots are already extremely limited in the United States with thousands of graduated medical students not receiving a residency match each year. The Academy is working with Ohio members of Congress to increase the number of residency slots available to fill this gap; however, legislators will likely be disheartened to see one of its local programs in a specialty in such high demand closing its doors. The UH Family Residency program is fully accredited and fills its match each year, and thus, fills a critical role in training future physicians who want to enter the field of family medicine.

Additionally, the Cleveland community needs the care of these medical residents who have historically treated disadvantaged residents in nearby areas. Closure of this program will leave many of these patients without a primary care physician and will likely exacerbate health care disparities in this community.

The AMCNO is disappointed in this loss to our Cleveland community and hopes University Hospitals can work to mitigate any hardships to continue this needed training. At the same time, the AMCNO remains committed to advocating for changes at the local, state, and federal level to mitigate the consequences of the looming physician shortage.

ABOUT AMCNO

The Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio (AMCNO) is a nonprofit 501(c)6 professional organization with the mission of supporting physicians in being strong advocates for all patients and promoting the practice of the highest quality of medicine. Founded in 1824, the AMCNO has a long history of physician advocacy as the oldest professional organization in Ohio.

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