

AGENCY 167, MEDICAL EDUCATION BUDGET REDUCTION SCENARIOS

Scenario Summary			
Percent Reduction	Biennial Amount		Annual Amount
2.00%	\$	642,000	\$ 321,000
5.00%	\$	1,604,999	\$ 802,499.50
8.00%	\$	2,567,998	\$ 1,283,999

UW's agency 167 budget consists of funding for medical education, including the WWAMI program, family medicine residencies, and student loans for medical school, dental school, and psychiatric nurse practitioners. Principles that have been followed in reduction plan proposals are (1) to protect vital healthcare services, (2) maintain the quality and integrity of the teaching, and (3) distributing the reductions in ways that preserve program viability. Many of the costs associated with this budget are fixed due to educational requirements, accreditation standards, and existing contracts. A large amount of the budget is in student support, which must be considered in making the reductions.

Summary: The 2% reduction would reduce opportunities for dental students and psychiatric nurse practitioner students but still allow access to these important programs.

2% REDUCTION PLAN			
Mechanism	Biennial Amount	Actions	Impacts
Suspend WYDENT admissions for the 2014 academic year	\$ 579,762	The standard budget includes funding for 8 dental school applicants per year (4 to the University of Nebraska and 4 to Creighton University). This action would suspend <u>new</u> enrollments for the 2014 academic year.	Eight students would no longer have the loan-for-service option of the WYDENT program, for the the 2014 academic year and every fourth year thereafter. At this level of funding, 8 students per year in three out of every four years would be admitted, or an average of 6 per year. Some options might continue to be available through the WICHE program for a smaller number of dentistry applicants.
Reduce the number of psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners admitted under the loan-for-service program from 6 to 5 for academic year (AY) 2013 and 6 to 4 in AY 2014	\$ 90,000	The standard budget includes funding for 6 psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner applicants per year. This action would suspend new enrollments to 5 per year, then further ratcheted down to 4 per year.	Fewer students would be eligible for the advanced practice - RN psychiatry loan-for-service program.
	\$ (27,762)	Adjustment factor: Amount by which actual reductions would exceed amount required for 2% reduction.	
TOTAL, 2% SCENARIO	\$ 642,000		

Summary: The 5% reduction would eliminate the WYDENT opportunity for half of the dental students.

5% REDUCTION PLAN			
Mechanism	Biennial Amount	Actions	Impacts
Suspend WYDENT admissions for the 2013 and 2014 academic years	\$ 1,739,286	This action would suspend <u>new</u> WYDENT student support for both years of the biennium.	Over time, the WYDENT program would be cut in half, from eight students per year for each of four years (32 students) to 16 students total students at any given time.
	\$ (134,287)	Adjustment factor: Amount by which actual reduction would exceed amount required for 5% reduction.	
TOTAL, 5% SCENARIO	<u>\$ 1,604,999</u>		

Summary: The 8% reduction would eliminate the opportunity for half of the dental students, reduce the opportunity for psychiatric nurse practitioner and WWAMI students and eliminate residency-sponsored medical services in Pine Bluffs. The last measure would result in loss of local healthcare services and an excellent rural educational experience.

8% REDUCTION PLAN			
Mechanism	Biennial Amount	Actions	Impacts
Suspend WYDENT admissions for the 2013 and 2014 academic year	\$ 1,739,286	This action would suspend <u>new</u> WYDENT student support for both years of the biennium.	Over time, the WYDENT program would be cut in half, from eight students per year for each of four years (32 students) to 16 students total students at any given time.
Reduce the number of psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners admitted under the loan-for-service program from 6 to 4 for academic year (AY) 2013 and 6 to 3 in AY 2014	\$ 157,500	The standard budget includes funding for 6 psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner applicants per year. This action would reduce new enrollments to 4 per year, then further ratcheted down to 3 per year.	Fewer students would be eligible for the advanced practice - RN psychiatry loan-for-service program.
Close the Pine Bluffs' Clinic Operation, a component of the Cheyenne Family Practice Residency Center	\$ 324,938	Discontinue Cheyenne practice clinic operations at Pine Bluffs, including elimination of three positions.	This action would adversely impact patients receiving care in Pine Bluffs and could leave many in that community without access to immediate healthcare options, without travel. Further, closure would result in the loss of a unique, rural educational experience for the residents and medical students.
Reduce students admitted under the WWAMI program from 20 to 16 for academic year 2013	\$ 346,274	For one year in every four-year cycle, the WWAMI class would be reduced from 20 to 16 students.	Fewer students would be eligible for the WWAMI program.
TOTAL, 8% SCENARIO	\$ 2,567,998		