



# OKLAHOMA ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS



## Senate Bill 1892 and House Bill 2503

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SB1892 and HB2503 are designed to try to address Oklahoma’s crucial shortfall in primary care providers, particularly in rural areas, by improving Oklahoma’s education system. Core primary care providers (physicians, PAs and APRNs) must have clinical training through community-based rotations with volunteers called preceptors, who are not employed by educational institutions. SB1892 and HB2503 would provide a tax credit for rural providers who serve as preceptors for medical, PA, or APRN students or residents from Oklahoma state government-supported programs. Rural is defined as over 40 miles from a city center in excess of 250,000 population. Providers cannot claim the tax credit if they receive other payment for serving as preceptors during the tax year. Providers can claim the credit up to 10 times in a tax year as follows:

### Physician (MD or DO)

- \$500 for the 1st through 3rd rotation
- \$1,000 for the 7th through 10th rotation

### APRN or PA

- \$375 for the 1st through 3rd rotation
- \$750 for the 7th through 10th rotation

### The Importance of Preceptors

The purpose of preceptors is to provide a one-on-one relationship with a student to help the student develop clinical skills and competencies, gain practical experience working with patients, and understand the diversity within the patient population and treatment settings.

### The Shortage of Primary Care Physician Preceptors

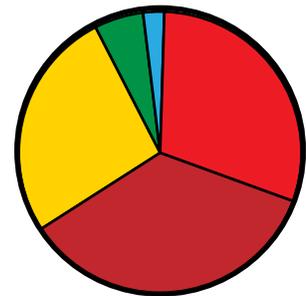
The current compensation model for primary care physicians does not include reimbursement for precepting and teaching students, even though clinical training relies on preceptors. Thus, the supply of preceptors has been shrinking as some are dropping out of the roles and schools are unable to offer enough professional development, recognition, support, or financial rewards to incentivize all preceptors to stay.

**"A rural rotation in medical school showed me the joy and importance of rural medicine. Rural medicine is now my passion, and I share that with students every opportunity I get. I love my community and my patients and can't picture doing anything else."**

**- Sam Ratermann, MD, FAAFP**

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## HOW DIFFICULT IS IT TO RECRUIT PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN PRECEPTORS?



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The Council of Academic Family Medicine’s Educational Research Alliance also conducted a 2016 survey of U.S. and Canadian family medicine clerkship directors, which indicated difficulty among clerkship directors in sustaining their preceptorship programs