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**CALIFORNIA AWARDS MORE THAN \$2.7 MILLION TO IMPROVE HEALTHCARE
 WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS**

SACRAMENTO – The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) announced awards of more than \$2.7 million to twenty-seven family practice residency training programs. The awards are administered through OSHPD’s Song-Brown Program.

“The Song-Brown funding to family practice residency programs is invaluable in training California’s next generation of physicians to practice and serve in the State’s underserved areas,” said OSHPD Director Dr. David Carlisle.

Family practice programs receiving awards:

Stanislaus Family Medicine	\$206,460
UC, Davis	\$206,460
Ventura County Medical Center	\$206,460
White Memorial Medical Center	\$206,460
Loma Linda University	\$154,845
Scripps Mercy Hospital, Chula Vista	\$154,845
UCSD Combined Family Medicine – Psychiatry	\$154,845
USC-California Hospital Medical Center	\$154,845
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center	\$103,230
Kaiser Permanente - Orange	\$103,230
Mercy Medical Center, Merced	\$103,230
Natividad Medical Center	\$103,230
UC Irvine	\$103,230
UC Los Angeles	\$103,230
Contra Costa County Health Services	\$51,615
Downey Regional Medical Center	\$51,615
Glendale Adventist Medical Center	\$51,615
Long Beach Memorial	\$51,615
Mercy Medical Center - Redding	\$51,615
Northridge Hospital Medical Center	\$51,615
Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center	\$51,615
Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital	\$51,615
San Joaquin General Hospital	\$51,615
San Jose – O’Connor Hospital	\$51,615
Santa Rosa Family Medicine	\$51,615
UCSF-Fresno	\$51,615
UCSF-San Francisco General Hospital	\$51,615

Since Governor Schwarzenegger took office in 2003, the Song-Brown Program has awarded more than \$18 million in capitation awards to family practice residency training programs. The awards are funded by the California Health Data Planning Fund, which was statutorily established to receive and expend revenues in support of healthcare related programs. The funds are generated through annual fees collected from health facilities.

The Song-Brown program was established by the Health Care Workforce Training Act to increase the number of family practice physicians, family nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and registered nurses being trained in the state to provide needed medical services to Californians. More than half of the family practice physicians trained in Song-Brown funded programs practice in underserved communities upon completion of their Family Practice residency program. For more information about the Song-Brown program, please contact the program at (916) 326-3752, or visit http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HWDD/Song_Brown_Prog.html.