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# **MORE DOCTORS FOR BRAZIL**

MORE HEALTH FOR YOU





Rather than a strategy of the Federal Government, the Program More Doctors represents respect and care to the population that routinely accesses the Unified Health System (SUS) in different regions in the country. The action is part of a broad improving pact of service to users of SUS, which foresees more investment in infrastructure of hospitals and health facilities, as well as bringing more doctors to areas where there are shortages and lack of professionals.

Today, Brazil has 1.8 doctors per thousand of inhabitants. This rate is lower than in other countries, such as England (2.7) Argentina (3.2), Uruguay (3.7), Portugal (3.9) and Spain (4). There is also an uneven distribution of physicians in the regions: 22 states have a number of doctors below the national average.

Offering quality health to the population implies a series of measures - structuring and restructuring health units and hospitals ambience, as well as initial and ongoing training of health professionals.

### **Courses in Medicine**

In partnership with the Ministry of Education, 11,500 vacancies will be open in medical courses in the country by 2017.

Another important measure of the Program More Doctors is the change in the logic of opening medical courses of private universities. From now

on, the local need will stimulate the creation of new courses, which will be open through public notice of the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education. The goal is to focus on empty assistance and ensure the training and provision of professionals in these territories.

For approval of vacancies it is mandatory the existence and availability of the network of health services suitable for quality training student: five beds per student; minimum of 01 Primary Care team for every 03 students; existence of beds for urgency or Emergency; availability and qualification of network services for training; and offer of medical residency.



## **Residency Vacancies**

Besides the increase in the number of medical schools, 12,400 new residency vacancies will be open for the training of specialists by 2017. The goal is to match the positions of expertise to the number of graduates in medicine and ensure all newly qualified doctors the opportunity to specialize through residency.

The medical specialization plays a significant role in contemporary medicine. It indicates a positive trend while improving knowledge for professional practice. In this sense, as well as the creation of new jobs at graduation, the Ministry of Health is investing on opening new specialized courses in priority regions for SUS, an action that stimulates the graduation, provision and retention of doctors in these locations. This way will reduce the shortage of specialists in pediatrics, psychiatry, obstetrics and gynecology, among others.

#### Investments in infrastructure

In the infrastructure axis, the federal government is investing in the expansion of the health network. Are R\$ 5.6 billion for construction, expansion and renovation of Basic Health Units (UBS) and R\$ 1.9 billion for construction and expansion of Emergency Care Units (UPAs). From the 26,000 UBS that had funds approved for construction or improvement, 20,600 (79.2%) are under construction or have been completed. Regarding UPAs, 363 already have been completed of a total of 943 proposals approved.

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# **Summoning Doctors**

For the first time, the Federal Government calls professionals from other countries as a strategy for provision and exchange of experiences. The initiative will run for 03 years, and the Ministry of Health responsible for paying the doctor - which will be done through a stock-formation of R\$ 10 thousand per month - and the cities and the Federal District are organized to provide housing, food, commuting (when required) and be able to develop to the full the activities with which they committed in the act of accession to More Doctors.

Physicians must meet 40 hours weekly for teaching, research and extension in basic health in the city and participate in the course of expertise offered by higher education institution related to the Open University of SUS (UNA-SUS). They will be supervised by a public university, School of Public Health and also by state and local health department.

#### **First results**

In its first year of existence, the Program More Doctors has met 100% of the indicated demand by municipalities, providing 14,462 professionals in 3,785 cities and 34 Indian districts, expanding health care for 50 million of Brazilians.

