



Task Force on Immigrant IMGs (International Medical Graduates)

Charge: [2014 Minnesota Session Laws, Chapter 228, Article 5, Section 12](#)

(a) The commissioner of health shall appoint members to an advisory task force by July 1, 2014 to **develop strategies to integrate refugee and asylee physicians into the Minnesota health care delivery system**. The task force shall:

- (1) analyze **demographic information of current medical providers** compared to the population of the state;
- (2) identify, to the extent possible, **foreign-trained physicians living in Minnesota** who are refugees or asylees and interested in meeting the requirements to enter medical practice or other health careers;
- (3) identify **costs and barriers** associated with integrating foreign-trained physicians into the state workforce;
- (4) explore **alternative roles and professions** for foreign trained physicians who are unable to practice as physicians in the Minnesota health care system;
- (5) identify **possible funding sources** to integrate foreign-trained physicians into the state workforce as physicians or other health professionals.

(b) The commissioner shall provide assistance to the task force, within available resources.

(c) **By January 15, 2015, the task force must submit recommendations** to the commissioner of health. The commissioner shall report findings and recommendations to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health care by January 15, 2015.

Meetings: The Task Force will meet monthly from July to December 2014. The current meeting schedule is below. Notes and materials are available on the [Meetings page](#).

- July 30, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m., at [Northwest Area Foundation, 60 East Plato Boulevard, St. Paul MN 55107](#).
- August 20, 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m., [Hiway Federal Credit Union, 840 Westminster Street, St. Paul MN](#).
- September 24, 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m., at Northwest Area Foundation.
- October 22, 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m., at Northwest Area Foundation.
- November 19, 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m., [Retirement Systems of Minnesota Building, 60 Empire Drive, Suite 200, St. Paul MN 55013](#).
- December 17, 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m., at Northwest Area Foundation.

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Task force website: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/orhpc/workforce/iimg/index.html>

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