



Bayhealth Receives \$1.5 Million Grant from Highmark for its GME Program

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Bayhealth is pleased to announce it has received a \$1.5 million grant from Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Delaware to support its Graduate Medical Education (GME) residency programs.

This is the second grant Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Delaware has awarded to Bayhealth's GME residency programs. "The partnership we have built with Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Delaware and their continued generosity are meaningful to our physician residents and everyone involved with Bayhealth's GME programs as they support our mission to strengthen the health of our community, one life at a time by improving access to care," said Bayhealth Foundation President Lindsay Rhodenbaugh.

Bayhealth General Surgeon and General Surgery Program Director **Bradford Mitchell, MD, FACS, ECNU**, and everyone else involved with Bayhealth's GME programs are equally grateful to Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Delaware for the support. "We appreciate their partnership in helping us with recruitment of students to become General Surgery residents and to recruit faculty to train those residents," said Dr. Mitchell. "We will be able to recruit faculty that can provide state-of-the-art training and care to our patients, helping to eliminate disparity of care that occurs when patients won't or can't travel outside our area for needed surgery."

"Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Delaware is excited to build on its well-established partnership with Bayhealth through this grant," said Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Delaware President Nick Moriello. "Our organizations recognize that we must go beyond the traditional payor-provider relationship to improve health outcomes and we look forward to the difference we can make together by bringing health professionals to Delaware. This is not only to address the workforce shortage, but to ensure we have the talent, skills and expertise to best serve our communities."

Visit BayhealthGME.org to learn more about Bayhealth's GME program. If you would like to make a donation to support Bayhealth's GME program, visit Bayhealth.org/Foundation or call 302-744-7015.

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