



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE AUDIT BUREAU
LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

June 15, 2000

Senator Gary R. George and
Representative Carol Kelso, Co-chairpersons
Joint Legislative Audit Committee
State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Senator George and Representative Kelso:

We have completed our review of the Medical College of Wisconsin, Inc., for the 1997-99 biennium, as required by s. 39.15(2), Wis. Stats. State funds paid to the Medical College for tuition aid totaled approximately \$8.1 million for the biennium. In addition, in the 1997-99 biennium, the Medical College received nearly \$6.6 million for the development and operation of its family practice residency program and \$775,000 in state matching funds for the federal Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) program.

Our review included tests to ensure that the Medical College complied with statutory requirements set forth in ss. 39.15 and 39.155, Wis. Stats. We reviewed the residency and enrollment status of the students claimed for tuition aid to determine whether they were Wisconsin residents, had been charged appropriate tuition, and had not been claimed for aid payments for more than four years. We also reviewed whether the Medical College gave first preference in admissions to Wisconsin residents and promoted minority student access. We found the Medical College was in compliance with these statutory requirements.

We note that, in fiscal year 1999-2000, the Medical College no longer jointly administers and operates the AHEC program with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Medical School. Since October 1, 1999, the AHEC program has been administered solely by the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents, in accordance with s. 20.285(1)(b), Wis. Stats. The Medical College requested this change because it believed the program's medical education emphasis had diminished.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by Medical College of Wisconsin administrators and the staff of the Higher Educational Aids Board during this review.

Respectfully submitted,

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