

Rush Graduate Nursing Education Demonstration Project.  
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Abstract

The Graduate Nurse Education (GNE) Demonstration was mandated under the Affordable Care Act and is administered by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The primary purpose of the GNE Demonstration is to increase the supply of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) in order to provide access to quality healthcare professional services; particularly for the increasing number of beneficiaries anticipated as a result of expanded health insurance coverage. The GNE allows for payment for the hospital's reasonable costs for the provision of qualified clinical training to APRNs; including clinical nurse specialists, nurse practitioners, certified registered nurse anesthetists, and certified nurse midwives. The GNE Demonstration is a 4-year Demonstration, under which eligible hospitals and their partner College of Nursing receive reimbursement for the reasonable cost of providing clinical training to APRN students. Rush application for the GNE Demonstration stressed that while increasing the number of APRNs was an important issue, a critical issue was how to prepare new APRNs for the upcoming service delivery re-design and to provide health care to underserved and vulnerable populations.