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SENATE BILL

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017

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DISCUSSION DRAFT

FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE RURAL PRIMARY HEALTH CARE ACT TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDING OF ELIGIBLE CLINICAL PROGRAMS, ELIGIBLE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND ELIGIBLE WORKFORCE RECRUITMENT PROGRAMS IN UNDERSERVED AREAS OF THE STATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 24-1A-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1981, Chapter 295, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"24-1A-2. PURPOSE OF ACT.--The purpose of the Rural Primary Health Care Act is to ~~recruit~~ better serve the health needs of the public by:

A. developing evidence-based training models and training through eligible workforce development programs;

B. recruiting and ~~retain~~ retaining health care

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1 personnel through eligible workforce recruitment programs; and
2 [~~assist~~]

3 C. assisting in the provision of primary health
4 care services through eligible clinical programs in underserved
5 areas of the state [~~in order to better serve the health needs~~
6 ~~of the public~~]."

7 SECTION 2. Section 24-1A-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1981,
8 Chapter 295, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

9 "24-1A-3. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Rural Primary
10 Health Care Act:

11 A. [~~"health care underserved areas" means a~~
12 ~~geographic area in which it has been determined by the~~
13 ~~department of health, through the use of indices and other~~
14 ~~standards set by the department, that sufficient primary health~~
15 ~~care is not being provided to the citizens of that area]~~

16 "department" means the department of health;

17 B. "eligible clinical programs" means nonprofit
18 community-based entities that provide or commit to provide
19 primary health care services for residents of health care
20 underserved areas and includes rural health facilities and
21 those serving primarily low-income populations;

22 C. [~~"department" means the department of health;~~
23 ~~and]~~ "eligible workforce development programs" means public or
24 private nonprofit organizations with a minimum of five years of
25 experience in providing comprehensive, community-based health

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1 career training programs working with public school students,
2 undergraduates and graduates to encourage and provide specific
3 programming to support rural and underserved populations
4 entering health careers, including residency program
5 development;

6 ~~[D. "primary health care" means the first level of~~
7 ~~basic or general health care for an individual's health needs,~~
8 ~~including diagnostic and treatment services]~~

9 D. "eligible workforce recruitment programs" means
10 public or private nonprofit organizations with a minimum of
11 five years of experience in providing health care personnel
12 recruitment and retention programming in health care
13 underserved areas;

14 E. "health care underserved area" means a
15 geographic area in which it has been determined by the
16 department, through the use of indices and other standards set
17 by the department, that sufficient primary health care is not
18 being provided to the residents of that area; and

19 F. "primary health care" means the first level of
20 basic or general health care for an individual's health needs,
21 including diagnostic and treatment services."

22 SECTION 3. Section 24-1A-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1981,
23 Chapter 295, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

24 "24-1A-4. RULES ~~[AND REGULATIONS]~~.--Subject to the State
25 Rules Act, the department shall adopt rules ~~[and regulations]~~

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1 for the development of evidence-based models for training and
2 recruiting and rules for training, recruiting and retaining
3 health care personnel in health care underserved areas [and].
4 The department shall establish [a formula] formulas for
5 distribution of financial assistance to eligible clinical
6 programs, [which] to eligible workforce development programs
7 and to eligible workforce recruitment programs. The funding
8 formula for all three categories of programs shall take into
9 account the relative needs of applicants for assistance;
10 provided that funds [may] distributed to these programs shall
11 not be expended for land or facility acquisition or debt
12 amortization; and further provided that a local match of ten
13 percent shall be required from each [local recipient] eligible
14 clinical program, eligible workforce development program and
15 eligible workforce recruitment program for each request for
16 assistance."

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