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

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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 [~~G. "department" means the department of health;~~  
23 ~~and~~

24 D. [~~"primary health care" means the first level of~~  
25 ~~basic or general health care for an individual's health needs,~~

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1 ~~including diagnostic and treatment services;]~~

2 C. "eligible workforce development programs" means  
3 public or private nonprofit organizations with a minimum of  
4 five years of experience in providing comprehensive,  
5 community-based health career training programs working with  
6 public school students, undergraduates and graduates to  
7 encourage and provide specific programming to support rural and  
8 underserved populations entering health careers, including  
9 residency program development;

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

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

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

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

25 "24-1A-4. RULES ~~[AND REGULATIONS]~~.--Subject to the State

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