

ENROLLED ACT NO. 60, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2015 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to public health and safety; increasing authorized payments under the allied health care provider loan repayment program; amending the physician recruitment grant program to also allow recruitment of other health care providers; amending grant requirements as specified; providing a definition; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 9-2-119(a)(ii), 35-1-1101(a) through (c), (d)(ii), (e)(i) through (iv), (vi), (vii), (viii)(A), (f)(iv) and by creating a new paragraph (vi) are amended to read:

9-2-119. Allied health care provider loan repayment program.

(a) The department is authorized to enter into agreements with health care providers licensed or certified to provide health care services in this state including, but not limited to, hospital, medical, surgical, dental, vision, nursing, radiology, mental health, speech language pathology and pharmaceutical services. The agreements shall:

(ii) Provide that the health care provider shall be repaid up to one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of outstanding educational loans the provider has acquired as a direct result of undergraduate or postgraduate educational training directly related to providing medical services, not to exceed ~~ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00)~~ twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) per year, in exchange for practicing under the terms of this section;

ARTICLE 11

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PROVIDER RECRUITMENT GRANT PROGRAM

35-1-1101. Provider recruitment grant program.

(a) There is created the Wyoming ~~physician~~provider recruitment program administered by the department.

(b) There is created the Wyoming ~~physician~~provider recruitment account. Funds in the account are continuously appropriated to the department to provide grants for ~~physician~~provider recruitment. Up to ten percent (10%) of the funds may be used to advertise the ~~physician~~provider recruitment program.

(c) ~~In July of each year,~~The department shall solicit ~~physician~~provider recruitment applications from hospitals, physicians and others seeking to recruit ~~physicians~~providers. The applications shall be prioritized by need based on geographic area, then by medical need within the geographic area. ~~A~~Priority shall be given to recruitment ~~to~~of private ~~physician~~practice ~~providers~~. ~~In September of each year,~~The department shall issue award letters to the persons or entities receiving grant authorizations within sixty (60) days after the close of an application period. The grant authorizations shall authorize the person or entity receiving it, for a period of one (1) year, to make a firm offer of recruitment incorporating the benefits authorized by this section ~~and W.S. 9-2-118~~ to a candidate, conditioned upon Wyoming licensure and the candidate's signed written agreement to the conditions of this section. ~~and W.S. 9-2-118.~~

(d) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations to administer the program, including provisions for:

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(ii) Termination of grants and full or partial repayment if a ~~physician~~provider fails to comply with the conditions of this section, rules and regulations of the department adopted pursuant to this section or the terms of the written incentive agreement;

(e) Grants provided under this section shall be subject to the following:

(i) The ~~physician~~provider shall be recruited to a stipulated geographic area;

(ii) A ~~practitioner~~provider shall relocate his practice to the state of Wyoming from outside of the state to be eligible for a grant. ~~Practitioners~~Providers relocating to the state of Wyoming to become employed by the state or by the United States shall not be eligible for grants. The requirement to relocate pursuant to this paragraph shall not apply to physicians taking providers recruited from a family practice residency in the state or physicians recruitment of providers employed by the United States department of defense;

(iii) The recruitment conditions between ~~the~~a hospital and ~~the~~a physician shall meet the conditions set forth in 42 C.F.R. 411.357(e), as amended; ~~September 5, 2007;~~

(iv) Recruitment of new ~~physicians~~providers shall be based on demonstrable need. Those recruiting persons or entities demonstrating the greatest need, in the discretion of the department shall be given the highest priority in receiving grants pursuant to this section;

(vi) The recruited ~~physician~~provider shall agree to provide medical services in the community to which

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he was recruited for a period of not less than two (2) years or he—the recruiting entity shall repay any monies granted under subparagraphs (e)(viii)(B) through (D) of this section to the state of Wyoming plus interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum;

(vii) The recruited physician—provider shall agree to provide medical care for not less than two (2) years in underserved areas of the state and shall accept patients qualified under the Medical Assistance and Services Act, Title XVIII of the federal Social Security Act and the child health insurance program who seek medical care which the health care provider is qualified to provide or he—the recruiting entity shall repay any monies granted under this section to the state of Wyoming plus interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum;

(viii) Costs reimbursed through grants under the program shall be documented by the provider as required by the department and may include:

(A) As incentive to the physician—provider recruitment process, recruitment actual costs, up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) per recruited physician provider, may be reimbursed—awarded to the successful recruiting person or entity paying those costs;

(f) As used in this section:

(iv) "Program" means the Wyoming physician provider recruitment grant program;

(vi) "Provider" means an individual licensed or eligible to be licensed in a health care profession under title 33 of the Wyoming statutes.

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Section 2. W.S. 35-1-1101(e) (ix) and (x) is repealed.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2015.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk