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AN ACT

- Relating to rural and inner-city health care; establishing the 2 Bureau of Rural and Inner-City Health Care Services within the Department of Health and providing for its powers and 3 4 duties; establishing the Rural and Inner-City Health Care 5 Services Advisory Committee and providing for its powers and 6 duties; and making appropriations. 7 The General Assembly finds that there exists a shortage of 8 health manpower, an unavailability of hospital care and barriers to the access of primary health care services that are unique to 10 certain rural and inner-city areas of this Commonwealth. The 11 General Assembly further finds that the development of a 12 systematic and uniform approach to identifying medically 13 underserved designated shortage areas and providing programs to ensure the viability of hospitals and to increase access to 14 15 health care in medically underserved designated shortage areas is in the best interests of all the citizens of this 16 17 Commonwealth.
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- 18 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 19 hereby enacts as follows:
- 20 CHAPTER 1
- 21 PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS
- 22 Section 101. Short title.
- 23 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Medically
- 24 Underserved Health Care Act.
- 25 Section 102. Definitions.
- The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
- 27 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 28 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 29 "Academy." The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians.
- 30 "Advisory committee" or "committee." The Rural and Inner-

- 1 City Health Care Services Advisory Committee.
- 2 "Bureau." The Bureau of Rural and Inner-City Health Care
- 3 Services in the Department of Health.
- 4 "Community-based practice." The noninstitutional private
- 5 practice of a physician.
- 6 "Community health center." An entity which through its staff
- 7 and supporting resources or through contracts or cooperative
- 8 arrangements with other public or private entities provides
- 9 health services or information thereon to residents of a
- 10 particular area of this Commonwealth.
- "Department." The Department of Health of the Commonwealth.
- 12 "Family practice" or "general practice." A medical specialty
- 13 as defined by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the
- 14 American Osteopathic Board of General Practice.
- 15 "Health care facility." A general or special hospital,
- 16 including tuberculosis or psychiatric hospital, rehabilitation
- 17 facility, skilled nursing facility, kidney disease treatment
- 18 center, including a freestanding hemodialysis unit, intermediate
- 19 care facility and ambulatory surgical facility, both profit and
- 20 nonprofit, including those operated by an agency of State or
- 21 local government. The term does not include an office used
- 22 exclusively for their private or group practice by physicians or
- 23 dentists, nor a program which renders treatment or care for drug
- 24 or alcohol dependence, unless located within, by or through a
- 25 health care facility, a facility providing treatment solely on
- 26 the basis of prayer or spiritual means in accordance with the
- 27 tenets of any church or religious denomination, nor a facility
- 28 conducted by a religious organization for the purpose of
- 29 providing health care services exclusively to clergymen or other
- 30 persons in a religious profession who are members of the

- 1 religious denominations conducting the facility.
- 2 "Health and Human Services Network Program." The
- 3 coordination of rural and inner-city health services provided by
- 4 health care providers as established under this act.
- 5 "Medically underserved designated shortage area." Any of the
- 6 following:
- 7 (1) An area designated by the Secretary of Health as a
- 8 physician shortage area using criteria which take into
- 9 account the special barriers to the provision of health care
- 10 services in a rural or inner-city area.
- 11 (2) A medically underserved area as designated by the
- 12 United States Department of Health and Human Services.
- 13 (3) A critical manpower shortage area as defined by the
- 14 United States Department of Health and Human Services, or as
- 15 further defined by the Bureau of Rural Health Care Services
- in consultation with the Rural Health Care Services Advisory
- 17 Committee.
- 18 "Pediatrics." A medical specialty as defined by the American
- 19 Board of Medical Specialties and the American Osteopathic Board
- 20 of Pediatrics.
- 21 "Primary care services." Medical services provided by family
- 22 or general practitioners, general pediatricians or obstetrician-
- 23 gynecologists.
- "Secretary." The Secretary of Health of the Commonwealth.
- 25 CHAPTER 3
- 26 BUREAU AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- 27 Section 301. Bureau of Rural and Inner-City Health Care
- 28 Services.
- 29 (a) Establishment.--There is hereby established within the
- 30 Department of Health the Bureau of Rural and Inner-City Health

- 1 Care Services.
- 2 (b) Powers and duties. -- Upon the advice and recommendations
- 3 of the advisory committee, the bureau shall:
- 4 (1) Coordinate the health services provided by the
- 5 department to medically underserved residents.
- 6 (2) Coordinate the services provided for medically
- 7 underserved residents by various local, county and regional
- 8 agencies or groups.
- 9 (3) Administer the programs established under this act
- 10 to increase the numbers of physicians practicing in medically
- 11 underserved designated shortage areas.
- 12 (4) Administer the programs established under this act
- 13 to increase the viability and enhance the quality of health
- services provided by rural hospitals.
- 15 (5) Administer the programs established under this act
- 16 to increase access to health care for rural and inner-city
- 17 residents.
- 18 (6) Annually review and update the designation of
- 19 physician, medically underserved and critical manpower
- 20 shortage areas and report to the General Assembly the then
- 21 current status of the need for health care services and
- 22 providers in the areas so designated.
- 23 (7) Consult with and receive recommendations from the
- 24 advisory committee in determining and fulfilling rural and
- inner-city health care needs.
- 26 (8) Administer sums appropriated to carry out this act
- 27 to increase the numbers of rural and inner-city family
- 28 practice physicians, to increase the viability and enhance
- 29 the quality of health services provided by rural hospitals,
- 30 and to increase access to health care for rural and inner-

- 1 city residents.
- 2 Section 302. Rural and Inner-City Health Care Services Advisory
- 3 Committee.
- 4 (a) Establishment and purpose. -- There is hereby established
- 5 the Rural and Inner-City Health Care Services Advisory Committee
- 6 which shall provide advice and recommendations to the bureau on
- 7 the programs created under this act and on all other health care
- 8 matters impacting on medically underserved designated shortage
- 9 areas.
- 10 (b) Composition. -- The committee shall include the following:
- 11 (1) One member appointed by the President pro tempore of
- the Senate; one by the Minority Leader of the Senate; one by
- the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and one by the
- 14 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.
- 15 (2) Ten members appointed by the Governor as follows:
- 16 (i) Two members who are licensed family
- 17 practitioners actively engaged in practice in a medically
- 18 underserved designated shortage area.
- 19 (ii) One member who is licensed in general
- 20 pediatrics actively engaged in practice in a medically
- 21 underserved designated shortage area.
- 22 (iii) One member who is licensed in obstetrics-
- 23 gynecology actively engaged in practice in a medically
- 24 underserved designated shortage area.
- 25 (iv) One representative of a rural hospital.
- (v) One representative of an inner-city hospital.
- 27 (vi) One licensed osteopathic physician actively
- 28 practicing in a medically underserved designated shortage
- area.
- 30 (vii) Two registered nurses practicing in a

- 1 medically underserved designated shortage area.
- 2 (viii) One dentist practicing in a medically
- 3 underserved designated shortage area.
- 4 (c) Terms of office.--Legislative members shall serve terms
- 5 coterminous with that of their legislative office. All other
- 6 members shall serve four years or the term of the office by
- 7 which he holds membership on the committee, and until his
- 8 successor has been appointed and qualified, but not longer than
- 9 six months beyond the applicable period.
- 10 CHAPTER 5
- 11 MEDICAL PRACTICE LOANS
- 12 Section 501. Physician Practice Start-up and Expansion Loan
- Repayment Program.
- 14 (a) Fund.--There is hereby established a separate account in
- 15 the State Treasury, to be known as the Physician Practice Start-
- 16 up and Expansion Loan Repayment Fund. This fund shall be
- 17 administered by the bureau. All moneys in the fund are hereby
- 18 appropriated to the bureau on a continuing basis to carry out
- 19 this chapter.
- 20 (b) Purpose. -- The fund shall be used to repay physician
- 21 start-up and expansion loans for physicians providing primary
- 22 care services full time in medically underserved designated
- 23 shortage areas.
- 24 Section 502. Allocation of repayment amounts.
- In allocating funds for repayment, the director of the bureau
- 26 shall apportion the repayment funds so that a minimum 60% of the
- 27 loans repaid will be for the loans of family or general
- 28 practitioners, with any balance of loans repaid being reserved
- 29 for general pediatrics and obstetrics-gynecology practice loans.
- 30 Section 503. Eligibility.

- 1 To be considered for loan repayment assistance, an applicant
- 2 shall:
- 3 (1) Have a medical degree from an accredited
- 4 Pennsylvania medical school or osteopathic medical college,
- 5 have completed an approved Pennsylvania graduate training
- 6 program in primary medicine and be licensed to practice
- 7 medicine in Pennsylvania.
- 8 (2) Agree to serve in a designated shortage area as a
- 9 primary care physician, as defined in this act, one year for
- 10 each \$25,000 in loans repaid by the department.
- 11 (3) For practice start-up loan repayment, have completed
- one full year of community-based solo primary care practice
- in a medically underserved designated shortage area and have
- obtained a practice start-up loan or, in the case of
- expansion of a practice to add one or two physicians, have
- 16 completed one or more years of community-based solo primary
- care practice in the rural designated shortage area where
- 18 expansion is sought.
- 19 Section 504. Conditions for certain assistance.
- 20 (a) Certain loans prior to act.--The bureau may provide
- 21 assistance for the repayment of any start-up or expansion loan
- 22 received by a physician through a local lending institution in
- 23 the rural or inner-city designated shortage area of Pennsylvania
- 24 where the physician agrees, under the terms of this section, to
- 25 practice, except that loans with any lender that have been
- 26 executed prior to the effective date of this act may be
- 27 considered for repayment.
- 28 (b) Loans in default.--The bureau may not provide repayment
- 29 assistance for a loan that is in default at the time of the
- 30 physician's application.

- 1 (c) Community-based practice. -- The bureau may not provide
- 2 practice start-up loan repayment assistance unless the primary
- 3 care physician has completed one year of community-based solo
- 4 practice. The bureau may not provide practice expansion loans
- 5 unless the applicant has completed one or more years of such
- 6 practice in the medically underserved designated shortage area
- 7 in which he seeks to expand practice.
- 8 Section 505. Terms and conditions of agreements.
- 9 Each recipient of a repayment loan shall enter into a written
- 10 contract with the bureau, which shall be considered a contract
- 11 with the Commonwealth. In executing contracts, the bureau shall
- 12 give priority to those applicants who agree to practice a
- 13 minimum of four years in a medically underserved designated
- 14 shortage area. The contract shall include the following terms
- 15 and conditions:
- 16 (1) The physician shall serve one year in the medically
- 17 underserved designated shortage area for each repayment up to
- \$25,000 made on his behalf to the lender.
- 19 (2) In no event shall service for less than one full
- 20 year entitle the participant to any benefits under the loan
- 21 repayment program.
- 22 (3) The participant shall treat patients in the area
- 23 eligible for Medicaid and Medicare and develop a sliding fee
- 24 scale for low-income patients.
- 25 (4) The participant shall practice full time in the
- 26 medically underserved designated shortage area.
- 27 (5) The participant shall permit the bureau to monitor
- the practice to determine compliance with the program.
- 29 (6) The bureau shall certify compliance with the terms
- of the program for purposes of receipt by the participant of

- loans for years subsequent to the initial year of the loan.
- 2 (7) The contract shall be renewable on a yearly basis
- 3 upon certification by the bureau that the participant has
- 4 complied with the terms of the contract.
- 5 (8) In the event of the participant's death or total or
- 6 permanent disability, the bureau shall nullify the service
- 7 obligation of the recipient.
- 8 (9) In the event that the participant is convicted of a
- 9 felony or misdemeanor or the participant commits an act of
- 10 gross negligence in the performance of service obligations,
- or where the license to practice has been revoked or
- 12 suspended, the bureau shall have the authority to terminate
- the participant's service in the program and demand repayment
- of the outstanding loan.
- 15 (10) No participant may receive repayment assistance for
- 16 more than five years.
- 17 (11) Loan recipients who fail to fulfill the obligations
- 18 contracted for shall pay to the bureau the full amount
- 19 received plus interest from the date of the original loan at
- a rate of 2% above the prime rate at the time of the breach.
- 21 Section 506. Assignment criteria.
- 22 The bureau shall establish criteria for assigning
- 23 participants to the medically underserved designated shortage
- 24 area. In making the assignments, the bureau shall match the
- 25 characteristics and preferences of the participant with those of
- 26 the area, population group or health care facility to the extent
- 27 possible to maximize the probability of the participant's
- 28 remaining in the area upon completion of the assignment period.
- 29 Section 507. Other sources of funding.
- The bureau shall seek Federal funds to carry out the purposes

- 1 of this chapter and may accept gifts, grants and donations from
- 2 other sources. All sums appropriated by the General Assembly to
- 3 carry out the purposes of this chapter in a fiscal year shall be
- 4 used for providing repayment assistance for practice start-up or
- 5 expansion loans.
- 6 CHAPTER 7
- 7 RESIDENCY PRACTICE PROGRAM
- 8 Section 701. Residency practice incentive program clinics in
- 9 medically underserved designated shortage areas.
- 10 The bureau shall encourage and coordinate the creation or
- 11 expansion of a family physician primary care residency program
- 12 between the Commonwealth's teaching hospitals and health care
- 13 facilities and community groups which program shall provide at
- 14 least one-month rotations in clinics established in medically
- 15 underserved designated shortage areas.
- 16 Section 702. Guidelines.
- 17 In determining the distribution of grants to teaching
- 18 hospitals, health care facilities and community groups which
- 19 establish family practice primary care residency program clinics
- 20 in medically underserved designated shortage areas, the bureau
- 21 shall establish criteria in accordance with the following
- 22 quidelines:
- 23 (1) Preference shall be given to programs which are to
- 24 be established at locations which exhibit potential for
- 25 extending primary care practice physician availability to
- 26 medically underserved designated shortage areas.
- 27 (2) Preference shall be given to programs located away
- 28 from areas in which medical schools and osteopathic medical
- 29 colleges are located.
- 30 (3) Preference shall be given to programs developed by

- 1 health care facilities having affiliation agreements with
- 2 teaching hospitals located within this Commonwealth.
- 3 (4) The degree of local support for the program in the
- 4 form of the establishment of clinics, matching funding,
- 5 services or other in-kind resources.
- 6 Section 703. Funding.
- 7 The bureau shall provide for a residency practice program
- 8 through medical assistance direct medical education payments.
- 9 Section 704. Report to General Assembly.
- 10 The bureau shall annually report, on or before March 15, to
- 11 the General Assembly the results and progress of the program
- 12 established under this chapter.
- 13 CHAPTER 9
- 14 FAMILY PRACTICE
- 15 Section 901. Family Practice Incentive Grant Demonstration
- Program.
- 17 The bureau shall administer through the advisory committee a
- 18 grant program to be known as the Family Practice Incentive
- 19 Demonstration Program.
- 20 Section 902. Grants.
- 21 The bureau shall administer this program by allocating sums
- 22 appropriated for this purpose by the General Assembly as grants
- 23 approved by the advisory committee to the medical schools and
- 24 osteopathic medical colleges of the Commonwealth as follows:
- 25 (1) A primary grant of \$100,000 per year shall be
- 26 awarded to the medical school or osteopathic medical college
- 27 with the most innovative project to increase the total number
- of family practitioners in this Commonwealth and the numbers
- of family practitioners choosing to serve in rural designated
- 30 shortage areas.

- 1 (2) A one-time \$50,000 follow-up grant may be awarded to
- 2 a prior year's grantee.
- 3 (3) A primary grant of \$100,000 per year shall be
- 4 awarded to the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians to
- 5 develop an innovative program to increase the number of
- family practice residents currently in training in
- 7 Pennsylvania hospital residency programs to locate their
- 8 practices in medically underserved designated shortage areas
- 9 of the Commonwealth.
- 10 (4) An annual follow-up grant may be awarded to the
- academy to continue the program of locating family physicians
- in medically underserved designated shortage areas of the
- 13 Commonwealth.
- 14 Section 903. Report to General Assembly.
- 15 The bureau shall annually report, on or before March 15, to
- 16 the General Assembly on the progress of the program established
- 17 under this chapter.
- 18 Section 904. Expiration of chapter.
- 19 This chapter shall expire on June 30, 1995, unless reenacted
- 20 by the General Assembly.
- 21 CHAPTER 11
- 22 HEALTH CARE GRANTS
- 23 Section 1101. Health Care Transitional Grant Program.
- 24 The bureau shall:
- 25 (1) Provide technical assistance to rural hospitals to
- complete the forms necessary for the development of projects
- 27 eliqible for Federal rural health care transitional grants.
- 28 (2) Notify eligible rural hospitals and rural hospitals
- 29 under 150 beds of the existence of Federal programs impacting
- 30 upon the provision of services in rural areas and shall

- 1 provide technical assistance necessary to apply for projects
- which advance health care services to enhance the quality of
- 3 care provided in rural areas.
- 4 (3) Consider rural hospitals which would qualify for
- 5 consideration under the Federal program, except for size, for
- 6 participation in a State-funded program.
- 7 (4) Screen applicant hospitals to determine which shall
- 8 receive consideration for the Federal Rural Health Transition
- 9 Grant Program and submit the names of eligible applicants to
- 10 the Office of the Governor for transmission to the United
- 11 States Department of Health and Human Services.
- 12 (5) Upon the awarding of grants, determine which of the
- projects forwarded by the Governor's Office to the United
- 14 States Department of Health and Human Services failed to
- 15 receive funding. The bureau shall then consider those
- projects and the projects of other rural hospitals which meet
- 17 all the Federal criteria, except size, in the awarding of
- 18 State grants.
- 19 Section 1102. Funding.
- 20 All sums appropriated to the bureau for the purpose of this
- 21 chapter shall be allocated solely for the funding of State
- 22 projects. No moneys allocated hereunder shall be used for the
- 23 administration of this section by the department.
- 24 CHAPTER 13
- 25 RURAL AND INNER-CITY HEALTH NETWORK
- 26 Section 1301. Rural and Inner-City Health and Human Services
- Network Pilot Program.
- 28 (a) Establishment.--There is hereby created a Rural and
- 29 Inner-City Health and Human Services Network Pilot Program which
- 30 shall be administered by the bureau.

- 1 (b) Grants.--The bureau shall provide grants from the sums
- 2 appropriated by the General Assembly to establish networks of
- 3 health care and human service providers in rural and inner-city
- 4 areas.
- 5 Section 1302. Eligibility.
- 6 The bureau shall consider grant proposals addressing the
- 7 special needs of medically underserved designated shortage areas
- 8 offered by applicants who can demonstrate the capability of
- 9 planning with providers and consumers for the creation of a
- 10 viable network of rural and inner-city health care and human
- 11 service providers, whether proprietary, nonprofit or public. To
- 12 be considered for grants, proposals shall:
- 13 (1) Result in the merger, integration, reorganization or
- 14 coordination of health care and human services.
- 15 (2) Promote cost reduction.
- 16 (3) Improve rural and inner-city access to a continuum
- of health care and human services.
- 18 (4) Result in illness prevention.
- 19 (5) Capitalize on the strengths of existing providers.
- 20 (6) Identify methods of addressing regulatory and other
- 21 barriers to the merger, integration, reorganization or
- 22 coordination of services.
- 23 Section 1303. Technical advice.
- 24 The bureau shall provide technical expertise on the
- 25 identification of barriers to the merger, integration,
- 26 reorganization or coordination of services.
- 27 Section 1304. Grant amounts.
- Grants shall be awarded in amounts ranging from \$10,000 to
- 29 \$50,000 per annum and may be awarded for a period not to exceed
- 30 three years. In determining the amount of an award, the bureau

- 1 shall consider the nature of the pilot project, the number of
- 2 provider and consumer entities involved and the likely increase
- 3 in access to and availability of health care and human services
- 4 to rural and inner-city residents.
- 5 Section 1305. Reports.
- 6 The grantees shall be monitored by the bureau and required to
- 7 prepare reports at such times and in such manner as the bureau
- 8 shall require. If it is determined that a grantee is using grant
- 9 funds for purposes inconsistent with this chapter, the bureau
- 10 shall require repayment of all or part of the grant to the
- 11 Commonwealth.
- 12 Section 1306. Further duties of bureau.
- 13 To promote maximum effectiveness of any network created under
- 14 this chapter, the bureau shall:
- 15 (1) Arrange for the waiver of impediments to the
- implementation and testing of the project, so long as the
- waiver is consistent with the health, safety and general
- 18 welfare of the rural residents who are to receive the
- 19 services.
- 20 (2) Consult with Federal, State and local officials to
- 21 secure the coordination of related programs and obtain
- 22 waivers.
- 23 (3) Provide the General Assembly with legislative
- recommendations to facilitate the provisions of this chapter.
- 25 CHAPTER 15
- 26 MOBILE HEALTH CLINICS
- 27 Section 1501. Mobile Health Clinic Demonstration Program.
- There is hereby established the Mobile Health Clinic
- 29 Demonstration Program which shall be administered by the bureau.
- 30 Section 1502. Required clinics.

- 1 The bureau shall:
- 2 (1) Purchase two vehicles and medical equipment to
- 3 furnish the vehicles to establish two Mobile Health Clinic
- 4 Demonstration Programs in rural medically underserved
- 5 designated shortage areas of this Commonwealth.
- 6 (2) Provide two grants from sums appropriated by the
- General Assembly to health care providers, health care
- 8 networks, teaching hospitals or dental schools to assist in
- 9 the purchase of vehicles, medical or dental equipment or the
- 10 coordination of activities leading to the establishment of
- one mobile health clinic and one mobile dental clinic in
- 12 rural medically underserved designated shortage areas.
- 13 (3) In awarding grants, give preference to programs
- 14 which evidence coordination of existing services and the
- pooling of resources by applicants.
- 16 (4) Award grants in an amount which is the lesser of
- \$600,000 or 50% of the cost of the vehicle, equipment or
- 18 coordination of activities leading to the establishment of a
- 19 rural mobile health clinic.
- 20 (5) Award grants to the prior year's grantees in an
- amount which is the lesser of \$600,000 or 50% of the program
- 22 project cost to enter a follow-up phase for the prior year's
- 23 program.
- 24 Section 1503. Conditions of grants.
- 25 (a) Eligibility.--All health care providers, health care
- 26 networks, teaching hospitals and dental schools located in this
- 27 Commonwealth may apply for grants to provide mobile health
- 28 clinic services to rural medically underserved designated
- 29 shortage areas in this Commonwealth.
- 30 (b) Expenses.--Bureau expenses may be no greater than 10% of

- 1 the sums appropriated by the General Assembly for the purposes
- 2 of this chapter.
- 3 (c) Annual report.--The bureau shall annually, on or before
- 4 March 15, report to the General Assembly the results and
- 5 progress of the program established under this chapter.
- 6 Section 1504. Expiration of chapter.
- 7 This chapter shall expire June 30, 2000.
- 8 CHAPTER 19
- 9 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
- 10 Section 1901. Appropriations.
- 11 (a) Department.--The sum of \$500,000, or as much thereof as
- 12 may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of
- 13 Health for the fiscal period July 1, 1995, to June 30, 1996, for
- 14 start-up costs and expenses of the Bureau of Rural and Inner-
- 15 City Health Care Services.
- 16 (b) Bureau.--The sum of \$6,900,000, or as much thereof as
- 17 may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Bureau of Rural
- 18 and Inner-City Health Care Services for the fiscal period July
- 19 1, 1996, to June 30, 1997, and shall be allocated as follows:
- 20 (1) The sum of \$3,000,000 to carry out Chapter 5.
- 21 (2) The sum of \$750,000 to carry out Chapter 9.
- 22 (3) The sum of \$500,000 to carry out Chapter 11.
- 23 (4) The sum of \$250,000 to carry out Chapter 13.
- 24 (5) The sum of \$2,400,000 to carry out Chapter 15.
- 25 Section 1902. Effective date.
- 26 This act shall take effect immediately.