

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0049

Primary care support program.

Sponsored by: Joint Labor, Health and Social Services
Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public health; creating the primary care
2 support program; authorizing grants as specified; providing
3 for a local match as specified; requiring reports;
4 providing appropriations; providing a repeal date; and
5 providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-2-127 is created to read:

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11 **9-2-127. Primary care support program created;**
12 **account established; grant criteria.**

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14 (a) There is created the Wyoming primary care support
15 program administered by the Wyoming department of health.

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1 (b) The purpose of the program is to provide support
2 to Wyoming entities operating primary care centers in need
3 of immediate financial assistance. Grants under subsection
4 (e) of this section shall enhance the delivery of primary
5 health care services for underserved and vulnerable
6 populations.

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8 (c) In order to qualify for the grants, a primary
9 care center shall provide services to the public regardless
10 of ability to pay and provide proof of:

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12 (i) Designation as a federally qualified health
13 center or rural health clinic;

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15 (ii) Steps taken to become a federally qualified
16 health center or rural health clinic; or

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18 (iii) Why status as a federally qualified or
19 rural health clinic would not result in improved revenues
20 to the clinic.

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22 (d) The primary care support account is created. The
23 account shall consist of those funds appropriated to the
24 account by the legislature and all monies received from

1 federal grants and other contributions, grants, gifts,
2 transfers, bequests and donations to the account. The
3 account is specifically empowered to accept grants, gifts,
4 transfers, bequests and donations. Funds in the account
5 are continuously appropriated to the department for the
6 purpose of providing grants under subsections (e) and (f)
7 of this section.

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9 (e) The department shall establish by rule and
10 regulation an application procedure and calendar for
11 primary care support grants and adopt other rules as
12 necessary to implement this section.

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14 (f) The department may provide new access point
15 incubator grants, subject to the following:

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17 (i) Grants may be made to community health
18 centers and rural health clinics for one-time startup costs
19 of a new center or clinic, for existing centers or clinics
20 to expand the population served or services provided or for
21 existing or new centers or clinics to facilitate compliance
22 with quality criteria;

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1 (ii) Grants to any one (1) facility shall not
2 exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00);

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4 (iii) Grant applications shall include evidence
5 of a commitment of local matching funds of at least twenty-
6 five percent (25%) of the grant amount in cash, in kind or
7 both.

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9 (g) A grant recipient under this section shall agree
10 to provide health care services in an underserved community
11 of the state, from among a list of communities developed by
12 the department, for a period of at least three (3) years
13 under the agreement. The recipient shall accept as its
14 first priority and treat without reservation patients
15 qualified under the Medical Assistance and Services Act,
16 Title XVIII of the federal Social Security Act and the
17 child health insurance program who seek medical care which
18 the health care provider is qualified to provide.

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20 (h) The department of health, office of rural health
21 care, shall:

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23 (i) Conduct outreach and education among
24 persons, entities and groups interested in forming a

1 community health center or rural health clinic and
2 submitting a new access point grant application to the
3 United States department of health and human services,
4 health resources and services administration;

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6 (ii) Collect and maintain appropriate data
7 regarding the primary care support program's effect on
8 improvements in community and rural health.

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10 (j) This section is repealed effective June 30, 2017.

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12 **Section 2.**

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14 (a) There is appropriated ten million dollars
15 (\$10,000,000.00) from the general fund to the primary care
16 support account. This appropriation shall be for the
17 period beginning with the effective date of this act. This
18 appropriation shall only be expended for the purpose of
19 grants to community health centers and rural health clinics
20 pursuant to W.S. 9-2-127(e). Notwithstanding any other
21 provision of law, this appropriation shall not be
22 transferred or expended for any other purpose. Any
23 unexpended monies in the account shall not revert but shall

1 remain in the account to be expended for the purposes
2 specified in this act.

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4 (b) There is appropriated two hundred thousand
5 dollars (\$200,000.00) from the general fund to the
6 department of health. This appropriation shall be for the
7 period beginning with the effective date of this act and
8 ending June 30, 2012. This appropriation shall only be
9 expended for the purpose of administering the program
10 created pursuant to W.S. 9-2-127(h). Notwithstanding any
11 other provision of law, this appropriation shall not be
12 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
13 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
14 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
15 2012.

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17 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2011.

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