

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0087

Provider recruitment grant program.

Sponsored by: Joint Appropriations Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the provider recruitment grant program;
2 amending the health care provider recruitment grant
3 program; making a conforming amendment; and providing for
4 an effective date.

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

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8 **Section** **1.** W.S. 9-2-117(a)(iii)(intro) and
9 35-1-1101(c) are amended to read:

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11 **9-2-117. Office of rural health created; duties.**

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13 (a) The office of rural health is created within the
14 department of health. The office shall:

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1 (iii) Contract, if necessary, with other
2 entities to carry out duties prescribed under this section,
3 and to conduct an active and ongoing recruitment program
4 for physicians and other health care professionals, subject
5 to the availability of funds, and to engage in the
6 following activities:

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8 **35-1-1101. Provider recruitment grant program.**

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10 (c) Subject to the availability of funds, the
11 department shall solicit provider recruitment applications
12 from hospitals, physicians and others seeking to recruit
13 providers. The applications shall be prioritized by need
14 based on geographic area, then by medical need within the
15 geographic area. Priority shall be given to recruitment of
16 private practice providers. The department shall issue
17 award letters to the persons or entities receiving grant
18 authorizations within sixty (60) days after the close of an
19 application period. The grant authorizations shall
20 authorize the person or entity receiving it, for a period
21 of one (1) year, to make a firm offer of recruitment
22 incorporating the benefits authorized by this section to a
23 candidate, conditioned upon Wyoming licensure and the

1 candidate's signed written agreement to the conditions of
2 this section.

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4 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
5 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
6 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
7 Constitution.

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