

ORIGINAL HOUSE  
BILL NO. HB0087

ENROLLED ACT NO. 26, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2021 GENERAL SESSION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) Subject to the availability of funds, the department shall solicit provider recruitment applications from hospitals, physicians and others seeking to recruit providers. The applications shall be prioritized by need based on geographic area, then by medical need within the geographic area. Priority shall be given to recruitment of private practice providers. 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

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of one (1) year, to make a firm offer of recruitment incorporating the benefits authorized by this section to a candidate, conditioned upon Wyoming licensure and the candidate's signed written agreement to the conditions of this section.

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

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk