

1 AN ACT in relation to medical care.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Community Health Center Expansion Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

7 "Community health center site" means a new physical site
8 where a community health center will provide primary health
9 care services either to a medically underserved population or
10 area or to the uninsured population of this State.

11 "Community provider" means a Federally Qualified Health
12 Center (FQHC) or FQHC Look-Alike (Community Health Center or
13 health center), designated as such by the Secretary of the
14 United States Department of Health and Human Services, that
15 operates at least one federally designated primary health
16 care delivery site in the State of Illinois.

17 "Department" means the Illinois Department of Public
18 Health.

19 "Medically underserved area" means an urban or rural area
20 designated by the Secretary of the United States Department
21 of Health and Human Services as an area with a shortage of
22 personal health services.

23 "Medically underserved population" means (i) the
24 population of an urban or rural area designated by the
25 Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human
26 Services as an area with a shortage of personal health
27 services or (ii) a population group designated by the
28 Secretary as having a shortage of those services.

29 "Primary health care services" means the following:

30 (1) Basic health services consisting of the
31 following:

1 (A) Health services related to family medicine,
 2 internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics, or
 3 gynecology that are furnished by physicians and, if
 4 appropriate, physician assistants, nurse
 5 practitioners, and nurse midwives.

6 (B) Diagnostic laboratory and radiologic
 7 services.

8 (C) Preventive health services, including the
 9 following:

10 (i) Prenatal and perinatal services.

11 (ii) Screenings for breast and cervical
 12 cancer.

13 (iii) Well-child services.

14 (iv) Immunizations against
 15 vaccine-preventable diseases.

16 (v) Screenings for elevated blood lead
 17 levels, communicable diseases, and cholesterol.

18 (vi) Pediatric eye, ear, and dental
 19 screenings to determine the need for vision and
 20 hearing correction and dental care.

21 (vii) Voluntary family planning services.

22 (viii) Preventive dental services.

23 (D) Emergency medical services.

24 (E) Pharmaceutical services as appropriate for
 25 particular health centers.

26 (2) Referrals to providers of medical services and
 27 other health-related services (including substance abuse
 28 and mental health services).

29 (3) Patient case management services (including
 30 counseling, referral, and follow-up services) and other
 31 services designed to assist health center patients in
 32 establishing eligibility for and gaining access to
 33 federal, State, and local programs that provide or
 34 financially support the provision of medical, social,

1 educational, or other related services.

2 (4) Services that enable individuals to use the
3 services of the health center (including outreach and
4 transportation services and, if a substantial number of
5 the individuals in the population are of limited
6 English-speaking ability, the services of appropriate
7 personnel fluent in the language spoken by a predominant
8 number of those individuals).

9 (5) Education of patients and the general population
10 served by the health center regarding the availability
11 and proper use of health services.

12 (6) Additional health services consisting of
13 services that are appropriate to meet the health needs of
14 the population served by the health center involved and
15 that may include the following:

16 (A) Environmental health services, including
17 the following:

18 (i) Detection and alleviation of
19 unhealthful conditions associated with water
20 supply.

21 (ii) Sewage treatment.

22 (iii) Solid waste disposal.

23 (iv) Detection and alleviation of rodent
24 and parasite infestation.

25 (v) Field sanitation.

26 (vi) Housing.

27 (vii) Other environmental factors related
28 to health.

29 (B) Special occupation-related health services
30 for migratory and seasonal agricultural workers,
31 including the following:

32 (i) Screening for and control of
33 infectious diseases, including parasitic
34 diseases.

1 (ii) Injury prevention programs, which may
 2 include prevention of exposure to unsafe levels
 3 of agricultural chemicals, including
 4 pesticides.

5 "Uninsured population" means persons who do not own
 6 private health care insurance, are not part of a group
 7 insurance plan, and are not eligible for any State or federal
 8 government-sponsored health care program.

9 Section 10. Grants.

10 (a) The Department shall establish a community health
 11 center expansion grant program and may make grants to
 12 eligible community providers subject to appropriations for
 13 that purpose. The grants shall be for the purpose of (i)
 14 establishing new community health center sites to provide
 15 primary health care services to medically underserved
 16 populations or areas as defined in Section 5 or (ii)
 17 providing primary health care services to the uninsured
 18 population of Illinois.

19 (b) Grants under this Section shall be for periods of 3
 20 years. The Department may make new grants whenever the total
 21 amount appropriated for grants is sufficient to fund both the
 22 new grants and the grants already in effect.

23 (c) A recipient of a grant to establish a new community
 24 health center site must add each such site to the recipient's
 25 established service area for the purpose of extending federal
 26 FQHC or FQHC Look-Alike status to the new site in accordance
 27 with federal regulations. The grant recipient must complete
 28 this process by the end of the second year of the grant.

29 Section 15. Eligibility for grant. To be eligible for a
 30 grant under this Act, a recipient must be a community
 31 provider as defined in Section 5 of this Act.

1 Section 20. Use of grant moneys. A recipient of a grant
2 under this Act may use the grant moneys to do any one or more
3 of the following:

- 4 (1) Purchase equipment.
- 5 (2) Acquire a new physical location for the purpose
6 of delivering primary health care services.
- 7 (3) Hire and train staff.
- 8 (4) Develop new practice networks.
- 9 (5) Purchase services or products that will
10 facilitate the provision of health care services at a new
11 community health center site.

12 Section 25. Reporting. Within 60 days after the first and
13 second years of a grant under this Act, the grant recipient
14 must submit a progress report to the Department. The
15 Department may assist each grant recipient in meeting the
16 goals and objectives stated in the original grant proposal
17 submitted by the recipient, that grant moneys are being used
18 for appropriate purposes, and that residents of the community
19 are being served by the new community health center sites
20 established with grant moneys.

21 Section 30. Rules; public comment.

22 (a) The Department shall adopt rules and regulations it
23 deems necessary for the efficient administration of this Act.

24 (b) The rules shall provide for a 30-day general public
25 comment period. Notification of a 30-day general public
26 comment period shall be given to the community into which a
27 grant applicant proposes to expand by publication in at least
28 one newspaper of general circulation in that community. At
29 the conclusion of the 30-day comment period, the Department
30 shall no longer accept written comments. The Department
31 shall review written comments, submitted within the comment
32 period, before awarding a grant.

1 (c) The Department shall consider the contents of
2 written comments only as part of the overall grant review
3 process.

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law.