

SENATE FILE NO. SF0045

Health care provider loan repayments.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to health care providers; amending loan
2 repayment programs by specifying additional eligible
3 providers; reducing the required level of local matching
4 funds as specified; providing appropriations; and providing
5 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. 9-2-118(a)(intro), (i) through (iv)
10 and (d) and 9-2-119(a)(intro), (ii) and (d) are amended to
11 read:

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13 **9-2-118. Physician and dentist loan repayment**
14 **program.**

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1 (a) The department is authorized to enter into
2 agreements with ~~primary care~~ physicians ~~graduating and~~
3 dentists who have graduated from accredited residency
4 programs to provide health care in this state. ~~For purposes~~
5 ~~of this section "primary care physicians" means general~~
6 ~~practitioners and physicians recognized as specialists in~~
7 ~~family practice, internal medicine, pediatric, obstetric or~~
8 ~~gynecologic care.~~ The agreements shall:

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10 (i) Provide for the physician or dentist to
11 practice medicine in a community of the state from among a
12 list of communities developed by the department;

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14 (ii) Provide that the physician or dentist shall
15 be repaid up to one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of
16 outstanding educational loans the physician or dentist has
17 acquired after completing undergraduate programs and as a
18 direct result of medical or dental school training, not to
19 exceed thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) per year,
20 including the matching funds specified in subsection (d) of
21 this section, in exchange for practicing his profession
22 under the terms of this section;

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1 (iii) Require the physician or dentist to agree
2 to practice for a minimum of three (3) years under the
3 agreement;

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5 (iv) Prohibit the physician or dentist from
6 discriminating against any patient whose cost of care is
7 reimbursed under Title XVIII of the federal Social Security
8 Act or the Wyoming Medical Assistance and Services Act;

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10 (d) No state money shall be expended for repayment of
11 any loan under this section unless twenty-five percent
12 (25%) of the money is ~~equally~~ matched with other funds in
13 any combination from any county, city, school district, ~~or~~
14 hospital-health care facility or health care association.

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16 **9-2-119. Allied health care provider loan repayment**
17 **program.**

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19 (a) The department is authorized to enter into
20 agreements with health care providers licensed or legally
21 authorized to provide health care services in this state
22 including, but not limited to, hospital, medical, surgical,
23 dental, vision, nursing, radiology, mental health and
24 pharmaceutical services. The agreements shall:

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(ii) Provide that the health care provider shall be repaid up to one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of outstanding educational loans the provider has acquired as a result of educational training directly related to providing medical services, not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) per year, including the matching funds specified in subsection (d) of this section, in exchange for practicing under the terms of this section;

(d) No state money shall be expended for repayment of any loan under this section unless twenty-five percent (25%) of the money is ~~equally~~ matched with other funds in any combination from any county, city, school district, ~~or hospital~~ health care facility or health care association. The other funds may be used by the department to match the federal funds in the absence of or in addition to state funds.

Section 2. There is appropriated from the budget reserve account to the department of health seven hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$720,000.00) to fund all three (3) years of the loan repayment agreements specified in W.S. 9-2-118 and two hundred forty thousand dollars

1 (\$240,000.00) to fund all three (3) years of the loan
2 repayment agreements specified in W.S. 9-2-119.
3 Notwithstanding W.S. 9-4-207(a), this appropriation shall
4 not revert to the general fund at the end of any fiscal
5 year. The department shall report to the joint interim
6 labor, health and social services interim committee by
7 October 1, 2004, and October 1, 2005, on the administration
8 of the loan repayment programs.

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10 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2004.

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