

CHAPTER 26

HEALTH CARE POLICY AND FINANCING

HOUSE BILL 04-1027

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also SENATOR(S) Takis, Anderson, Taylor, Tupa, and Phillips.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE ROLE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PRIMARY AND PREVENTIVE CARE GRANT PROGRAM'S ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 26-4-1005, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

26-4-1005. Grant making process. (1) Any qualified provider desiring to participate in the program shall make application for a service grant to the state department in a form specified by rule of the state department. The state department shall receive service grant applications from any qualified provider. All applications shall be submitted and reviewed in accordance with grant procedures, criteria, and standards adopted by rule of the state department through the medical services board.

(2) Service grants awarded to qualified providers shall be used by such providers only to:

(a) Increase access to comprehensive primary care services for uninsured or medically indigent patients who are served by such providers;

(b) Create new services or augment existing services provided to uninsured or medically indigent patients; or

(c) Establish new sites that offer comprehensive primary care services in medically underserved areas of the state or to medically underserved populations.

(3) Service grants to qualified providers shall not be used:

(a) To supplant federal funds traditionally received by such qualified providers, but shall be used to supplement such funds;

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

(b) For land or real estate investments;

(c) To finance or satisfy any existing debt; or

(d) Unless the qualified provider specifically complies with the definition of qualified provider contained in section 26-4-1003 (5).

~~(4) (a)~~ The executive director shall appoint an advisory council to review and make recommendations to the state department on the ~~awarding of any service grants to qualified providers~~ PROTOCOLS RELATED TO AWARDING GRANTS TO QUALIFIED PROVIDERS AND TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT ON THE DESIGN AND CONTENT OF THE APPLICATION AND THE APPLICATION AND EVALUATION PROCESSES. The advisory council shall consist of the following members:

~~(i)~~ (a) One employee of the state department;

~~(ii)~~ (b) One employee of the department of public health and environment;

~~(iii)~~ (c) A representative of a qualified provider;

~~(iv)~~ (d) Two consumers who currently receive health care services from a qualified provider;

~~(v)~~ (e) A health care provider who is not affiliated with a qualified provider or an agency of the state, but who has training and expertise in providing comprehensive primary care services to medically underserved populations; and

~~(vi)~~ (f) A representative of a nonprofit, community-based health care organization or business.

~~(b)~~ (4.2) All service grants shall be awarded within thirty days after approval by the state department.

~~(c)~~ (4.5) ~~The advisory council, appointed pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection (4), and~~ The state department shall consider geographic distribution of funds among urban and rural areas in the state when making funding decisions.

(5) The state department shall:

(a) Develop regulations, procedures, and application forms to govern how service grants shall be awarded; and

(b) Develop an audit procedure to assure that service grant moneys are used to provide and expand coverage to uninsured and medically indigent patients.

SECTION 2. Effective date. This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution (August 4, 2004, if adjournment sine

die is on May 5, 2004); except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

Approved: March 9, 2004