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Section

- 1 Appropriation; federally qualified health centers.** Appropriates \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for subsidies for federally qualified health centers. Makes this appropriation part of the base level funding for this purpose, and specifies that it is in addition to existing funding for this purpose.

A federally qualified health center (FQHC) receives grants under section 330 of the federal Public Health Service Act and is eligible for enhanced Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement. An FQHC must serve an underserved area or population, offer services based on a sliding fee scale, provide comprehensive services, have an ongoing quality assurance program, and be governed by a board of directors. Subsidies are distributed to FQHC's under Minnesota Statutes, section 145.9269 to continue, expand, and improve FQHC services provided to low-income populations. The amount of each subsidy is generally in proportion to each FQHC's amount of discounts granted to patients during the most recent calendar year.