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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill adds multiple practitioners to the loan forgiveness program, including advanced dental therapists, dental therapists, mental health professionals, acupuncturists, chiropractors, physical therapists, and public health nurses. The bill appropriates an unspecified amount of general fund money.

#### Section

- 1**        **Definitions.** Amends § 144.1501, subdivision 1. Adds definitions of advanced dental therapists, dental therapists, mental health professionals, acupuncturists, chiropractors, physical therapists, and public health nurses.
- 2**        **Creation of account.** Amends § 144.1501, subdivision 2. Adds a hospital that owns and operates a nursing home where a nurse works a minimum of 50 percent of the time in the nursing home to the locations where a nurse can be employed in order to qualify for the loan forgiveness program. Also adds mental health professionals, advanced dental therapists, dental therapists, acupuncturists, chiropractors, physical therapists, and public health nurses to the list of professionals who will qualify for the loan forgiveness program if they agree to practice in a designated rural area.
- 3**        **Eligibility.** Amends § 144.1501, subdivision 3. Adds being enrolled in a training or education program to become a practitioner, including a dental therapist, advanced dental therapist, mental health professional, pharmacist, acupuncturists, chiropractors, physical therapists, or public health nurse, to the eligibility requirements for the loan forgiveness program.

**Section**

**4**      **Appropriation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount to the commissioner of health from the general fund for the loan forgiveness program.