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1 Primary care and mental health professions clinical training expansion grant program. Adds § 144.1505. Establishes a program administered by the commissioner of health to provide grants to physician assistant (PA), advanced practice registered nurse (APRN), pharmacy, and mental health professional training programs, to expand clinical training for these professions.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms: eligible advanced practice registered nurse program; eligible mental health professional program; eligible physician assistant program; eligible pharmacy program; mental health professional; and project.

Subd. 2. Program. Directs the commissioner of health to award grants to eligible programs training advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants, pharmacists, or mental health professionals, to plan and implement expanded clinical training for these professions. Establishes limits for planning and training grants and lists purposes for which grant funds may be used.

Subd. 3. Applications. Directs eligible PA, APRN, pharmacy, and mental health professional programs seeking a grant to apply to the commissioner and lists required content for applications.

Subd. 4. Consideration of applications. Directs the commissioner to review and score applications and specifies factors the commissioner must use to score applications.

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Subd. 5. Program oversight. Directs the commissioner to determine grant amounts for eligible programs based on their application scores. Specifies that appropriations do not cancel and are available until expended and allows the commissioner to collect from programs information necessary for evaluation.

2 Appropriation. Makes a blank appropriation in fiscal year 2018 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for the primary care and mental health professions clinical training expansion grant program.