

Subject Subsidies for federally qualified health centers

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Overview

This bill appropriates money to the commissioner of health for subsidies for federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) that receive or meet the requirements to receive federal grants to serve medically underserved populations in the area served by the FQHC.

An FQHC is an entity that receives federal grants to serve a medically underserved population or a special medically underserved population (migratory and seasonal agricultural workers, the homeless, or residents of public housing) in the FQHC's catchment area, by providing the primary health services required under federal law and additional health services as appropriate for particular centers. An entity that meets the requirements to receive federal grants to serve these populations is referred to as a federally qualified health center look-alike. A medically underserved population is a population of an urban or rural area designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services as an area with a shortage of personal health services, or a population group designated by the secretary as having a shortage of personal health services.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Appropriations; federally qualified health centers.</p> <p>Appropriates \$5 million in fiscal year 2020 and \$5 million in fiscal year 2021 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for subsidies for FQHCs that receive federal grants or meet the requirements to receive federal grants. These funds will be distributed to FQHCs in proportion to each FQHC's amount of discounts granted to patients in the most recent calendar year, as reported in a federal data system. An eligible FQHC must receive at least 2 percent of the total money available but cannot receive more than 30 percent of the total money available.</p>



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