**Section 596.200 Eligibility for Grants**

a) All Illinois licensed hospitals located in rural designated shortage areas are eligible to apply for grants

b) Applicant hospitals shall have *governing boards* which *include significant representation of consumers of hospital services residing in the area served by the hospital and which agree not to discriminate in any way against any consumer of hospital services based upon the consumer's source of payment for those services.* (Section 4(f) of the Act)