

1 AN ACT concerning public health.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Department of Public Health Powers and  
5 Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is  
6 amended by changing Section 2310-220 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-220) (was 20 ILCS 2310/55.73)

8 Sec. 2310-220. Findings; rural obstetrical care. The  
9 General Assembly finds that substantial areas of rural  
10 Illinois lack adequate access to obstetrical care. The  
11 primary cause of this problem is the absence of qualified  
12 practitioners who are willing to offer obstetrical services.  
13 A significant barrier to recruiting and retaining those  
14 practitioners is the high cost of professional liability  
15 insurance for practitioners offering obstetrical care.

16 Therefore, the Department, from any funds available  
17 ~~appropriated~~ for that purpose, must ~~shall~~ award grants to  
18 physicians practicing obstetrics in rural designated shortage  
19 areas, as defined in Section 3.04 of the Family Practice  
20 Residency Act, for the purpose of reimbursing those  
21 physicians for the costs of obtaining malpractice insurance  
22 relating to obstetrical services. The Department must ~~shall~~  
23 establish reasonable conditions, standards, and duties  
24 relating to the application for and receipt of the grants.

25 (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00.)

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
27 becoming law.