

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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Community Health Center Construction Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

7 "Board" means the Illinois Capital Development Board.

8 "Community health center site" means a new physical site  
9 where a community health center will provide primary health  
10 care services either to a medically underserved population or  
11 area or to the uninsured population of this State.

12 "Community provider" means a Federally Qualified Health  
13 Center (FQHC) or FQHC Look-Alike (Community Health Center or  
14 health center), designated as such by the Secretary of the  
15 United States Department of Health and Human Services, that  
16 operates at least one federally designated primary health care  
17 delivery site in the State of Illinois.

18 "Department" means the Illinois Department of Public  
19 Health.

20 "Medically underserved area" means an urban or rural area  
21 designated by the Secretary of the United States Department of  
22 Health and Human Services as an area with a shortage of  
23 personal health services.

1 "Medically underserved population" means (i) the  
2 population of an urban or rural area designated by the  
3 Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human  
4 Services as an area with a shortage of personal health services  
5 or (ii) a population group designated by the Secretary as  
6 having a shortage of those services.

7 "Primary health care services" means the following:

8 (1) Basic health services consisting of the following:

9 (A) Health services related to family medicine,  
10 internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics, or  
11 gynecology that are furnished by physicians and, if  
12 appropriate, physician assistants, nurse  
13 practitioners, and nurse midwives.

14 (B) Diagnostic laboratory and radiologic services.

15 (C) Preventive health services, including the  
16 following:

17 (i) Prenatal and perinatal services.

18 (ii) Screenings for breast, ovarian, and  
19 cervical cancer.

20 (iii) Well-child services.

21 (iv) Immunizations against vaccine-preventable  
22 diseases.

23 (v) Screenings for elevated blood lead levels,  
24 communicable diseases, and cholesterol.

25 (vi) Pediatric eye, ear, and dental screenings  
26 to determine the need for vision and hearing

1 correction and dental care.

2 (vii) Voluntary family planning services.

3 (viii) Preventive dental services.

4 (D) Emergency medical services.

5 (E) Pharmaceutical services as appropriate for  
6 particular health centers.

7 (2) Referrals to providers of medical services and  
8 other health-related services (including substance abuse  
9 and mental health services).

10 (3) Patient case management services (including  
11 counseling, referral, and follow-up services) and other  
12 services designed to assist health center patients in  
13 establishing eligibility for and gaining access to  
14 federal, State, and local programs that provide or  
15 financially support the provision of medical, social,  
16 educational, or other related services.

17 (4) Services that enable individuals to use the  
18 services of the health center (including outreach and  
19 transportation services and, if a substantial number of the  
20 individuals in the population are of limited  
21 English-speaking ability, the services of appropriate  
22 personnel fluent in the language spoken by a predominant  
23 number of those individuals).

24 (5) Education of patients and the general population  
25 served by the health center regarding the availability and  
26 proper use of health services.

1           (6) Additional health services consisting of services  
2           that are appropriate to meet the health needs of the  
3           population served by the health center involved and that  
4           may include the following:

5                   (A) Environmental health services, including the  
6                   following:

7                           (i) Detection and alleviation of unhealthful  
8                           conditions associated with water supply.

9                           (ii) Sewage treatment.

10                           (iii) Solid waste disposal.

11                           (iv) Detection and alleviation of rodent and  
12                           parasite infestation.

13                           (v) Field sanitation.

14                           (vi) Housing.

15                           (vii) Other environmental factors related to  
16                           health.

17                   (B) Special occupation-related health services for  
18                   migratory and seasonal agricultural workers, including  
19                   the following:

20                           (i) Screening for and control of infectious  
21                           diseases, including parasitic diseases.

22                           (ii) Injury prevention programs, which may  
23                           include prevention of exposure to unsafe levels of  
24                           agricultural chemicals, including pesticides.

25           "Uninsured population" means persons who do not own private  
26           health care insurance, are not part of a group insurance plan,

1 and are not eligible for any State or federal  
2 government-sponsored health care program.

3 Section 10. Operation of the grant program.

4 (a) The Board, in consultation with the Department, shall  
5 establish the Community Health Center Construction Grant  
6 Program and may make grants to eligible community providers  
7 subject to appropriations out of funds reserved for capital  
8 improvements or expenditures as provided for in this Act. The  
9 Program shall operate in a manner so that the estimated cost of  
10 the Program during the fiscal year will not exceed the total  
11 appropriation for the Program. The grants shall be for the  
12 purpose of constructing or renovating new community health  
13 center sites, renovating existing community health center  
14 sites, and purchasing equipment to provide primary health care  
15 services to medically underserved populations or areas as  
16 defined in Section 5 of this Act or providing primary health  
17 care services to the uninsured population of Illinois.

18 (b) A recipient of a grant to establish a new community  
19 health center site must add each such site to the recipient's  
20 established service area for the purpose of extending federal  
21 FQHC or FQHC Look Alike status to the new site in accordance  
22 with federal regulations.

23 Section 15. Eligibility for grant. To be eligible for a  
24 grant under this Act, a recipient must be a community provider

1 as defined in Section 5 of this Act.

2 Section 20. Use of grant moneys. A recipient of a grant  
3 under this Act may use the grant moneys to do any one or more of  
4 the following:

5 (1) Purchase equipment.

6 (2) Acquire a new physical location for the purpose of  
7 delivering primary health care services.

8 (3) Construct or renovate new or existing community  
9 health center sites.

10 Section 25. Reporting. Within 60 days after the first year  
11 of a grant under this Act, the grant recipient must submit a  
12 progress report to the Department. The Department may assist  
13 each grant recipient in meeting the goals and objectives stated  
14 in the original grant proposal submitted by the recipient, that  
15 grant moneys are being used for appropriate purposes, and that  
16 residents of the community are being served by the new  
17 community health center sites established with grant moneys.

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
19 becoming law.