

1 AN ACT in relation to medical care.

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 Expansion Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

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

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

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

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

23 "Medically underserved population" means (i) the  
24 population of an urban or rural area designated by the  
25 Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human  
26 Services as an area with a shortage of personal health  
27 services or (ii) a population group designated by the  
28 Secretary as having a shortage of those services.

29 "Primary health care services" means the following:

30 (1) Basic health services consisting of the  
31 following:

1 (A) Health services related to family medicine,  
2 internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics, or  
3 gynecology that are furnished by physicians and, if  
4 appropriate, physician assistants, nurse  
5 practitioners, and nurse midwives.

6 (B) Diagnostic laboratory and radiologic  
7 services.

8 (C) Preventive health services, including the  
9 following:

10 (i) Prenatal and perinatal services.

11 (ii) Screenings for breast and cervical  
12 cancer.

13 (iii) Well-child services.

14 (iv) Immunizations against  
15 vaccine-preventable diseases.

16 (v) Screenings for elevated blood lead  
17 levels, communicable diseases, and cholesterol.

18 (vi) Pediatric eye, ear, and dental  
19 screenings to determine the need for vision and  
20 hearing correction and dental care.

21 (vii) Voluntary family planning services.

22 (viii) Preventive dental services.

23 (D) Emergency medical services.

24 (E) Pharmaceutical services as appropriate for  
25 particular health centers.

26 (2) Referrals to providers of medical services and  
27 other health-related services (including substance abuse  
28 and mental health services).

29 (3) Patient case management services (including  
30 counseling, referral, and follow-up services) and other  
31 services designed to assist health center patients in  
32 establishing eligibility for and gaining access to  
33 federal, State, and local programs that provide or  
34 financially support the provision of medical, social,

1 educational, or other related services.

2 (4) Services that enable individuals to use the  
3 services of the health center (including outreach and  
4 transportation services and, if a substantial number of  
5 the individuals in the population are of limited  
6 English-speaking ability, the services of appropriate  
7 personnel fluent in the language spoken by a predominant  
8 number of those individuals).

9 (5) Education of patients and the general population  
10 served by the health center regarding the availability  
11 and proper use of health services.

12 (6) Additional health services consisting of  
13 services that are appropriate to meet the health needs of  
14 the population served by the health center involved and  
15 that may include the following:

16 (A) Environmental health services, including  
17 the following:

18 (i) Detection and alleviation of  
19 unhealthful conditions associated with water  
20 supply.

21 (ii) Sewage treatment.

22 (iii) Solid waste disposal.

23 (iv) Detection and alleviation of rodent  
24 and parasite infestation.

25 (v) Field sanitation.

26 (vi) Housing.

27 (vii) Other environmental factors related  
28 to health.

29 (B) Special occupation-related health services  
30 for migratory and seasonal agricultural workers,  
31 including the following:

32 (i) Screening for and control of  
33 infectious diseases, including parasitic  
34 diseases.

1                   (ii) Injury prevention programs, which may  
2                   include prevention of exposure to unsafe levels  
3                   of agricultural chemicals, including  
4                   pesticides.

5                   "Uninsured population" means persons who do not own  
6                   private health care insurance, are not part of a group  
7                   insurance plan, and are not eligible for any State or federal  
8                   government-sponsored health care program.

9                   Section 10. Grants.

10                  (a) The Department shall establish a community health  
11                  center expansion grant program and may make grants to  
12                  eligible community providers subject to appropriations for  
13                  that purpose. The grants shall be for the purpose of (i)  
14                  establishing new community health center sites to provide  
15                  primary health care services to medically underserved  
16                  populations or areas as defined in Section 5 or (ii)  
17                  providing primary health care services to the uninsured  
18                  population of Illinois.

19                  (b) Grants under this Section shall be for periods of 3  
20                  years. The Department may make new grants whenever the total  
21                  amount appropriated for grants is sufficient to fund both the  
22                  new grants and the grants already in effect.

23                  (c) A recipient of a grant to establish a new community  
24                  health center site must add each such site to the recipient's  
25                  established service area for the purpose of extending federal  
26                  FQHC or FQHC Look-Alike status to the new site in accordance  
27                  with federal regulations. The grant recipient must complete  
28                  this process by the end of the second year of the grant.

29                  Section 15. Eligibility for grant. To be eligible for a  
30                  grant under this Act, a recipient must be a community  
31                  provider as defined in Section 5 of this Act.

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

- 4           (1) Purchase equipment.
- 5           (2) Acquire a new physical location for the purpose  
6 of delivering primary health care services.
- 7           (3) Hire and train staff.
- 8           (4) Develop new practice networks.
- 9           (5) Purchase services or products that will  
10 facilitate the provision of health care services at a new  
11 community health center site.

12           Section 25. Reporting. Within 60 days after the first and  
13 second years of a grant under this Act, the grant recipient  
14 must submit a progress report to the Office of Rural Health  
15 within the Department. The Department shall ensure that each  
16 grant recipient is meeting the goals and objectives stated in  
17 the original grant proposal submitted by the recipient, that  
18 grant moneys are being used for appropriate purposes, and  
19 that residents of the community are being served by the new  
20 community health center sites established with grant moneys.

21           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
22 becoming law.