

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0217

Community health center and rural health clinic grants.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Wilson, Barlow, Clifford,
Connolly, Romero-Martinez, Sweeney and Yin
and Senator(s) Baldwin, Bouchard and Pappas

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public health and safety; modifying the
2 department of health grant program for community health
3 centers and rural health clinics as specified; repealing a
4 sunset date; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-2-127(a), (c), (d)(intro), (ii) and
9 (v) is amended to read:

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11 **9-2-127. Community health centers and rural health**
12 **clinics; process for grants facilitating capital**
13 **construction, start up costs and equipment costs; account**
14 **established; grant criteria.**

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1 (a) There is created a process for grants
2 facilitating capital construction and for start up costs
3 and equipment costs of community health centers and rural
4 health clinics. The process shall be administered by the
5 Wyoming department of health, which shall award grants in
6 accordance with this section and consistent with the
7 requirements imposed for the receipt of any federal grants
8 when applicable.

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10 (c) The department shall establish by rule and
11 regulation an application procedure and calendar for grants
12 awarded under ~~subsection (d)~~ this section and adopt other
13 rules as necessary to implement this section.

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15 (d) ~~The department shall provide grants,~~ Any grants
16 provided by the department under this section that are
17 funded in whole or in part with state funds shall be
18 subject to the following:

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20 (ii) Grants may be made to community health
21 centers and rural health clinics for one-time startup costs
22 of a new center or clinic, for existing centers or clinics
23 to expand the population served or initiate new services

1 for existing or new centers or clinics to facilitate
2 compliance with quality criteria. The grants shall be used
3 for capital ~~and expenses~~, start up ~~expenses~~ costs and
4 equipment costs only and shall not be used for ongoing
5 operating expenses;

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7 (v) Centers or clinics awarded a grant shall
8 provide services to the public regardless of the ability to
9 pay; and

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11 **Section 2.** W.S. 9-2-127(d)(vi) and (g) is repealed.

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13 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
14 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
15 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
16 Constitution.

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