

PROPOSED

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2753

(Reference to House engrossed bill)

1 Page 2, between lines 23 and 24, insert:

2 "Sec. 2. Section 36-2907.06, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 36-2907.06. Qualifying community health centers; rural health
5 clinics; tribal health facilities; contracts;
6 requirements; graduate medical education;
7 advanced practice registered nurse program;
8 definitions

9 A. Subject to the availability of monies, the administration shall
10 enter into an intergovernmental agreement pursuant to title 11, chapter 7,
11 article 3 with the department of health services to contract with
12 qualifying community health centers to provide primary health care services
13 to indigent or uninsured Arizonans. The department of health services
14 shall enter into one-year contracts with qualifying community health
15 centers for the centers to provide the following primary health care
16 services:

17 1. Medical care provided through licensed primary care physicians
18 and licensed mid-level providers as defined in section 36-2907.05.

19 2. Prenatal care services.

20 3. Diagnostic laboratory and imaging services that are necessary to
21 complete a diagnosis and treatment, including referral services.

22 4. Pharmacy services that are necessary to complete treatment,
23 including referral services.

1 5. Preventive health services.

2 6. Preventive dental services.

3 7. Emergency services performed at the qualifying community health
4 center.

5 8. Transportation for patients to and from the qualifying community
6 health center if these patients would not receive care without this
7 assistance.

8 B. A contract entered into pursuant to subsection A of this section
9 may include urgent care services for walk-in patients.

10 C. Each contract shall require that the qualifying community health
11 center provide the services prescribed in subsection A of this section to
12 persons who the **QUALIFYING COMMUNITY HEALTH** center determines:

13 1. Are residents of this state.

14 2. Are without medical insurance policy coverage.

15 3. Do not have a family income of more than two hundred percent of
16 the federal poverty guidelines.

17 4. Have provided verification that the person is not eligible for
18 enrollment in the Arizona health care cost containment system pursuant to
19 this chapter.

20 5. Have provided verification that the person is not eligible for
21 medicare.

22 D. The department of health services shall directly administer the
23 program and issue requests for proposals for the contracts prescribed in
24 this section. Contracts established pursuant to subsection A of this
25 section shall be signed by the department and the contractor before the
26 transmission of any tobacco tax and health care fund monies to the
27 contractor.

28 E. Persons who meet the eligibility criteria established in
29 subsection C or H of this section shall be charged for services based on a
30 sliding fee schedule approved by the department of health services.

1 F. In awarding contracts, the department of health services may give
2 preference to qualifying community health centers that have a sliding fee
3 schedule. Monies shall be used for the number of patients that exceeds the
4 number of uninsured sliding fee schedule patients that the qualifying
5 community health center served during fiscal year 1994. Each qualifying
6 community health center shall make its sliding fee schedule available to
7 the public on request. The contract shall require the qualifying community
8 health center to apply a sliding fee schedule to all of its uninsured
9 patients.

10 G. The department of health services may examine the records of each
11 qualifying community health center and conduct audits necessary to
12 determine that the eligibility determinations were performed accurately and
13 to verify the number of uninsured patients served by the qualifying
14 community health center as a result of receiving tobacco tax and health
15 care fund monies by the contract established pursuant to subsection A of
16 this section.

17 H. Contracts established pursuant to subsection A of this section
18 shall require qualifying community health center contractors to submit
19 information as required pursuant to section 36-2907.07 for program
20 evaluations.

21 I. ~~Beginning March 1, 2022,~~ The administration shall establish,
22 contingent on approval by the centers for medicare and medicaid services, a
23 separate graduate medical education AND ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE
24 RESIDENCY OR FELLOWSHIP program to reimburse qualifying community health
25 centers, ~~and~~ rural health clinics AND TRIBAL HEALTH FACILITIES that have an
26 approved primary care graduate medical education OR ADVANCED PRACTICE
27 REGISTERED NURSE RESIDENCY OR FELLOWSHIP program. The administration
28 shall:

29 1. Distribute to qualifying community health centers, ~~and~~ rural
30 health clinics AND TRIBAL HEALTH FACILITIES any monies appropriated for
31 graduate medical education for the direct and indirect costs of primary
32 care graduate medical education AND ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE

1 RESIDENCY OR FELLOWSHIP programs that are established by qualifying
2 community health centers, ~~and~~ rural health clinics AND TRIBAL HEALTH
3 FACILITIES and that are approved by the administration.

4 2. Adopt rules specifying the formula by which the monies are
5 distributed.

6 3. Require each primary care graduate medical education AND ADVANCED
7 PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE RESIDENCY OR FELLOWSHIP program that receives
8 monies pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection to identify and report to
9 the administration the number of new residency AND FELLOWSHIP positions
10 created with those monies, including positions in rural areas. Each
11 program shall also report information related to the number of funded
12 residency AND FELLOWSHIP positions that resulted in physicians AND ADVANCED
13 PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES locating their practices in this state. The
14 administration shall report to the joint legislative budget committee on or
15 before July 1 of each year on the number of new residency AND FELLOWSHIP
16 positions as reported by the primary care graduate medical education AND
17 ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE RESIDENCY OR FELLOWSHIP programs
18 pursuant to this paragraph.

19 4. Coordinate with local, county and tribal governments and any
20 university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona board of regents that may
21 provide monies in addition to any state general fund monies appropriated
22 for primary care graduate medical education AND ADVANCED PRACTICE
23 REGISTERED NURSE RESIDENCY OR FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS in order to qualify for
24 additional matching federal monies for programs or positions in a specific
25 locality. Payments by the administration pursuant to this paragraph may be
26 limited to those providers designated by the funding entity and may be
27 based on any methodology deemed appropriate by the administration,
28 including replacing any payments that might otherwise have been paid
29 pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection had sufficient state general
30 fund monies or other monies been appropriated to fully fund those
31 payments. These programs, positions and payment methodologies must be
32 approved by the administration and the centers for medicare and medicaid

1 services. The administration shall report to the president of the senate,
2 the speaker of the house of representatives and the director of the joint
3 legislative budget committee on or before July 1 of each year on the amount
4 of monies contributed and the number of residency AND FELLOWSHIP positions
5 funded by local, county and tribal governments and any university under the
6 jurisdiction of the Arizona board of regents, including the amount of
7 federal matching monies used.

8 5. IF THE ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT RECEIVED APPROVAL FROM THE CENTERS
9 FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1, 2024, DISTRIBUTE
10 THE MONIES FOR THAT FISCAL YEAR TO THE QUALIFYING COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS,
11 RURAL HEALTH CLINICS AND TRIBAL HEALTH FACILITIES THAT HAVE APPROVED
12 PRIMARY CARE GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION OR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED
13 NURSE RESIDENCY OR FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS. IF THE CENTERS FOR MEDICAID AND
14 MEDICARE SERVICES' APPROVAL IS RECEIVED AFTER JUNE 1, 2024, THESE MONIES
15 MAY QUALIFY AS THE REQUIRED MATCH FOR THE SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR.

16 J. For the purposes of this section: ~~;~~

17 1. "Qualifying community health center" means a community-based
18 primary care facility that provides medical care in medically underserved
19 areas as provided in section 36-2352, or in medically underserved areas or
20 medically underserved populations as designated by the United States
21 department of health and human services, through the employment of
22 physicians, professional nurses, physician assistants or other health care
23 technical and paraprofessional personnel.

24 2. "TRIBAL HEALTH FACILITY" MEANS AN OUTPATIENT HEALTH FACILITY THAT
25 IS OPERATED BY AN INDIAN TRIBE AND THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE SERVICES
26 PURSUANT TO THE INDIAN SELF-DETERMINATION AND EDUCATION ASSISTANCE ACT
27 (P.L. 93-638; 88 STAT. 2203)."

28 Renumber to conform

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- 1 Page 2, line 42, after "education;" insert "advanced practice registered nurse
- 2 programs;"
- 3 Page 3, line 1, strike "paragraph 4,"
- 4 Line 3, after "education" insert "or advanced practice registered nurse
- 5 residency or fellowship programs"
- 6 Amend title to conform

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