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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED
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17 [public health and safety - Oklahoma Geriatric
18 Medical Loan Repayment Program - codification -
19 effective date]

20 ~~BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:~~

21 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2720 of Title 63, unless there
23 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

24 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma
Geriatric Medical Loan Repayment Program".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2721 of Title 63, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. 1. The State Department of Health shall administer the
2 Oklahoma Geriatric Medical Loan Repayment Program.

3 2. The Program, depending upon available funding, shall provide
4 educational loan repayment assistance for up to five Oklahoma
5 licensed physicians, who have completed a fellowship training
6 program in geriatrics, including geropsychiatry, per year.

7 3. Each award shall be for a contracted period and shall be
8 distributed to the participant by drafts made payable to the
9 participant and the appropriate loan agency in equal monthly
10 disbursements, not to exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars
11 (\$25,000.00) per year for a five-year period. Prior to any
12 disbursement, the Department shall certify and properly review
13 monthly reports submitted by the participating geriatric physician
14 detailing performance of activities in accordance with the Oklahoma
15 Geriatric Medical Loan Repayment Program.

16 4. At the conclusion of the two-year period, the Department
17 shall review the performance in the Program of the participating
18 geriatric specialist and determine whether an award may be granted
19 for an additional three (3) years pursuant to rules promulgated by
20 the Department.

21 B. The geriatric specialists entering the Program each year
22 shall agree to provide medical care and services in a designated
23 Geriatric Specialist Shortage Area of the state and agree to provide
24 medical care and services to Medicaid recipients as authorized by

1 the Oklahoma Health Care Authority. The Department shall be
2 responsible for ensuring that at least thirty percent (30%) of the
3 patients treated by the physician will be Medicaid recipients.

4 C. A geriatric specialist shall be eligible to participate in
5 the loan repayment program if the geriatric specialist:

- 6 1. Is a new medical school graduate;
- 7 2. Is licensed to practice medicine in Oklahoma; and
- 8 3. Has demonstrated financial need.

9 D. The geriatric specialist shall:

10 1. Execute a contract with the Department to provide medical
11 services in a designated Geriatric Specialist Shortage Area;

12 2. Agree that at least thirty percent (30%) of the patients of
13 the geriatric specialist will be Medicaid recipients;

14 3. Not discriminate against patients based on the ability to
15 pay; and

16 4. Agree to practice in this state for no fewer than five (5)
17 consecutive years immediately following completion of his or her
18 fellowship.

19 E. If the geriatric specialist does not fulfill the service
20 obligation, the Department may collect from the participant the
21 entire amount of loan payments made under the Program plus interest.

22 F. The Department shall present a report on the operation of
23 the Program to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of
24 Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate within

1 one (1) month of the beginning of each regular session of the
2 Legislature, including but not limited to the progress made in
3 accomplishing the goal of the Program.

4 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
5 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2722 of Title 63, unless there
6 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

7 The amount of the award of educational loan repayment assistance
8 shall not exceed any maximum or minimum amount as promulgated by
9 rules of the State Board of Health pursuant to the Oklahoma
10 Geriatric Medical Loan Repayment Program. The actual amount of the
11 award shall be based upon a determination of:

12 1. Actual funds available to the Oklahoma Geriatric Medical
13 Loan Repayment Program for expenditure; and

14 2. The existing student loan indebtedness of the participating
15 geriatric specialist.

16 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

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