

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.