

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of health and human services
2 for federally qualified health center grants; and to provide for a legislative management study on
3 expanding the number of federally qualified health centers.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES -**
6 **FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER GRANTS.** There is appropriated out of any
7 moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of
8 \$2,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of health and
9 human services for the purpose of providing grants to federally qualified health centers and
10 grants to establish federally qualified health centers, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023,
11 and ending June 30, 2025.

12 1. For purposes of this section, "federally qualified health center" means an entity
13 receiving a grant under United States Code, title 42, section 254b.
14 2. The department of health and human services shall award grants from the funds
15 appropriated in this section to federally qualified health centers in North Dakota to
16 continue, expand, and improve federally qualified health center services to low-income
17 populations. The grant amount for each center must be proportional to the amount of
18 discounts granted to patients of the center for the most recent calendar year to the
19 total amount of discounts granted by all centers in North Dakota during the most
20 recent calendar year as reported on the federal uniform data system report in
21 conformance with the bureau of primary health care program expectations policy
22 information notice 98-23, except one federally qualified health center may receive no
23 more than 50 percent of the total amount of grants awarded under this subsection.

- 1 3. The department may use up to \$200,000 of the funds appropriated in this section for
2 community assessment and planning grants to establish federally qualified health
3 centers in new communities that qualify for a federally qualified health center.

4 **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH**

5 **CARE CENTER EXPANSION.** During the 2023-24 interim, the legislative management shall
6 consider studying the expansion of federally qualified health care centers. The study must
7 include consideration of increasing the number of federally qualified health care centers in the
8 state and improving federally qualified health care center collaboration with local public health
9 units. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, along with
10 any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-ninth legislative
11 assembly.