



1           2. For the purposes of this section, "primary care physicians"  
2 shall mean physicians practicing in family medicine, geriatrics,  
3 general internal medicine, general pediatrics,  
4 obstetrics/gynecology, ~~or~~ emergency medicine, or general surgery.

5           3. For the purposes of this section, "health center" shall mean  
6 a federally qualified health center as defined by 42 U.S.C., Section  
7 1905(1)(2)(B).

8           4. For the purposes of this section, "Teaching Health Center"  
9 shall mean a health center that supports the residencies of primary  
10 care physicians within the operations of the health center.

11           5. The Program, depending upon and limited to available  
12 funding, shall provide educational loan repayment assistance to  
13 Oklahoma licensed primary care physicians and physician assistants  
14 who agree to establish a practice in a community located in Oklahoma  
15 approved by the Commission.

16           6. Each award shall be for a contracted period and shall be  
17 distributed to the participant by drafts made payable to the  
18 participant at the end of each contract year with disbursements not  
19 to exceed an amount to be established annually by the Commission.  
20 Prior to any disbursement, the Commission shall certify and properly  
21 review reports submitted by the participating physician or physician  
22 assistant detailing performance of activities in accordance with the  
23 Program.

1           7. The Commission shall review the performance in the Program  
2 of the participating physician or physician assistant and determine  
3 whether an award may be granted for additional years pursuant to  
4 rules promulgated by the Commission.

5           B. The physicians and physician assistants entering the Program  
6 each year shall agree to provide medical care and services in areas  
7 designated by the Commission to provide medical care and services to  
8 Medicaid recipients as authorized by the Oklahoma Health Care  
9 Authority.

10           C. A physician or physician assistant shall be eligible to  
11 participate in the ~~loan repayment program~~ Oklahoma Medical Loan  
12 Repayment Program if the individual:

13           1. Is a physician that holds a current Oklahoma medical  
14 license;

15           2. Is a new primary care graduate physician or physician  
16 assistant. Preference will be given to graduates of the primary  
17 care residency programs affiliated with the Oklahoma State  
18 University College of Osteopathic Medicine, the University of  
19 Oklahoma College of Medicine and the teaching hospitals affiliated  
20 with both schools of medicine and Teaching Health Centers located in  
21 this state; or

22           3. Is a current practicing physician or physician assistant and  
23 has met criteria established by the Commission.

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1 D. The Commission may accept donations of public or private  
2 funds to assist in funding the Oklahoma Medical Loan Repayment  
3 Program. The Commission may, at its discretion, contract with other  
4 public entities and ~~non-profit~~ nonprofit corporations for the  
5 endowment, management and administration of such funds.

6 E. The Commission shall present a report on the operation of  
7 the Program to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of  
8 Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate within  
9 one (1) month of the beginning of each regular session of the  
10 Legislature, including but not limited to the progress made in  
11 accomplishing the goal of the Program.

12 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 697.3, as  
13 amended by Section 3, Chapter 67, O.S.L. 2020 (70 O.S. Supp. 2020,  
14 Section 697.3), is amended to read as follows:

15 Section 697.3 The Physician Manpower Training Commission shall  
16 be composed of seven (7) members appointed by the Governor with the  
17 advice and consent of the Senate. Upon the expiration of the term  
18 of one of the nonphysician members, three members shall be  
19 practicing allopathic physicians, three shall be practicing  
20 osteopathic physicians and one shall ~~not~~ be a physician nurse  
21 practitioner. The membership shall be appointed from diverse  
22 geographic areas of the state. No board member serving on November  
23 1, 2001, shall be removed from the board to satisfy the requirements  
24 of this section, but appointments to fill vacancies subsequent to

1 November 1, 2001, shall be subject to the requirements of this  
2 section. Three members of the Commission shall be appointed for  
3 one-year terms, two members shall be appointed for three-year terms  
4 and two members shall be appointed for five-year terms, and at the  
5 expiration of the initial terms, succeeding terms of office shall be  
6 five (5) years in duration. There shall be also twelve additional  
7 nonvoting ex officio members of the Commission who shall serve in an  
8 advisory capacity only and include the Dean of the University of  
9 Oklahoma College of Medicine or designee, the Dean of the University  
10 of Oklahoma College of Medicine - Tulsa or designee, the Chair of  
11 the Department of Family Medicine of the University of Oklahoma  
12 Health Sciences Center or designee, the Chair of the Department of  
13 Family Practice of the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine -  
14 Tulsa or designee, the Chair of the Department of General Practice  
15 of the Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery or  
16 designee, the President of the Oklahoma Academy of Family Physicians  
17 or designee, the President of the Oklahoma State Medical Association  
18 or designee, the President of the Oklahoma State Osteopathic  
19 Association or designee, the President of the Oklahoma Hospital  
20 Association or designee, the State Commissioner of Health or  
21 designee, the Provost of the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences  
22 Center or designee, and the Dean of the Oklahoma College of  
23 Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery or designee. Members of the  
24 Commission shall serve without salary, but may be reimbursed for

1 travel expenses in attending meetings and performing their duties  
2 pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et  
3 seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

4 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, dated 02/10/2021 -  
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