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AN ACT to repeal §16-2H-3 and §16-2H-4 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; and to amend and reenact §16-2H-2 of said code, relating to the Primary Care Support

Program; eliminating loan fund; and creating grant fund.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2H. PRIMARY CARE SUPPORT PROGRAM.

§16-2H-2. Primary Care Support Program.

- (a) There is hereby created the Primary Care Support Program within the Bureau of Public Health within the Department of Health and Human Resources. The program shall provide technical and organizational assistance to community-based primary care services.
- (b) The Primary Care Support Program shall create and administer a Primary Care Grant Fund to grant money to federally qualified health centers and federally qualified health center look-alikes, and secure federal medical assistance percentage funding. Federally qualified health center look-alikes already receiving grant funding at the time this program is created shall continue to receive grant funding annually. Upon approval by the secretary of the department, federally qualified health centers in need of immediate financial assistance may be granted funding annually. All funds designated to federally qualified health centers may be transferred to Medicaid for the purpose of securing federal medical assistance percentage funding.

Additionally, the secretary may use certain portions of funds within this account for activities in support of rural and primary care.

There is hereby created a special revenue fund in the State Treasury to be known as the Primary Care Support Fund into which all appropriations, payments, and interest to the fund created herein shall be deposited, to be held and disbursed according to law.

(c) The Primary Care Support Program shall conduct and make available upon request an annual primary care report which shall consist of total West Virginia Medicaid primary care expenditures as a percentage of total West Virginia Medicaid expenditures.

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(d) The Department of Health and Human Resources shall promulgate rules in accordance
 with §29A-3-1 *et seq.* of this code to implement the provisions of this article, and shall approve all
 loans, grants, and disbursements of money authorized by this article.

§16-2H-3. Preventive services and health education.

1 [Repealed.]

§16-2H-4. Advisory board.

1 [Repealed.]

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