

POLICY DEVELOPMENT:

Legislative Update

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Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program – HB 48

- Establishes a Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program for new primary care providers to be administered by the Delaware Health Care Commission.
- Under the loan repayment program, the Health Care Commission may award education loan repayment grants to new primary care providers of up to \$50,000 per year for a maximum of 4 years.
- Priority consideration may be given to DIMER-participating students and participants in Delaware based residency programs.
- Sites eligible to apply for grants on behalf of their new primary care providers must be located in underserved areas or areas of need and must accept Medicare and Medicaid participants.
- Grants to hospital sites must be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by the applicant hospital and the disbursement of grants from the program is contingent upon an initial, one-time contribution to the Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program, in an amount Fiscal Year 21 appropriation of State funds up to a maximum of \$1 million, from Delaware health insurers.
- This Act also provides that the Delaware Healthcare Commission may award Health Care Provider Repayment grants on a prorated annual basis.

Primary Care – SS 1 for SB 120

Continues recent efforts to strengthen the primary care system in this State by doing the following:

- (1) Directing the Health Care Commission to monitor compliance with value-based care delivery models and develop, and monitor compliance with, alternative payment methods that promote value-based care.
- (2) Requiring rate filings limit aggregate unit price growth for inpatient, outpatient, and other medical services, to certain percentage increases.
- (3) Requiring an insurance carrier to spend a certain percentage of its total cost on primary care.
- (4) Requiring the Office of Value-Based Health Care Delivery to establish mandatory minimums for payment innovations, including alternative payment models, and evaluate annually whether primary care spending is increasing in compliance with the established mandatory minimums for payment innovations.
- (5) In Sections 2 and 3 of this Act, revising the appointment process for members of the Primary Care Reform Collaborative who are not members by virtue of position to comply with the requirements of the Delaware Constitution.