

Primary Care Low Income Pool Projects Proposed Replacement Proviso

From the funds in Specific Appropriation XX, \$XX from the XX funds for the Low Income Pool Program are provided for grants for primary care initiatives. Funds allocated for the purpose of establishing these primary care projects shall be available for renewal funding for up to three years contingent upon each project meeting grant reporting requirements and contingent upon the accomplishment of the quality measures and goals established for the project during the annual funding cycle. Funding criteria shall include primary care improvements, disease management improvements, access to needed ancillary services, emergency room and inpatient diversion potential, community partnerships, and health care innovations that are replicable. After the three year period each funded project must undergo a full application process. This requirement applies to specific primary care grant projects for county health department hospital alternative projects and hospital based primary care projects initially funded in the 2009-10 General Appropriations Act. It also applies to county health departments, federally qualified health centers, faith based and community based clinics, and acute care hospitals initially funded through the new primary care expansion program established in the 2010-11 General Appropriations Act. Priority in the annual application process will be given to establishing new projects; however, meritorious projects which have been previously funded for three years may be continued. Projects funded in previous years may be subject to incremental reductions to allow for the funding of new projects.