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26B-5-118 Collaborative care grant program.

(1) As used in this section:

- (a) "Applicant" means a small primary health care practice that applies for a grant under this section.
- (b) "Care manager" means an individual who plans, directs, and coordinates health care services for a patient.
- (c) "Collaborative care model" means a formal collaborative arrangement between a primary care physician, a mental health professional, and a care manager, to provide integrated physical and behavioral health services.
- (d) "Mental health professional" means an individual licensed under Title 58, Chapter 60, Mental Health Professional Practice Act, or Title 58, Chapter 61, Psychologist Licensing Act, or a psychiatrist.
- (e) "Physician" means an individual licensed to practice as a physician or osteopath under Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act, or Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act.
- (f) "Primary care physician" means a physician that provides health services related to family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, or geriatrics.
- (g) "Program" means a program described in Subsection (2)(a).
- (h) "Psychiatrist" means a physician who is board eligible for a psychiatry specialization recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialists or the American Osteopathic Association's Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists.
- (i) "Small primary health care practice" means a medical practice of primary health care physicians that:
 - (i) includes 10 or fewer primary care physicians; or
 - (ii) is primarily based in a county of the third through sixth class, as classified in Section 17-50-501.

(2)

- (a) Before July 1, 2022, the division shall solicit applications from small primary health care practices for a grant to support or implement a program to provide integrated physical and behavioral health services under a collaborative care model.
- (b) A grant under this section may be used to:
 - (i) hire and train staff to administer a program;
 - (ii) identify and formalize contractual relationships with mental health professionals and case managers to implement a program; or
 - (iii) purchase or upgrade software and other resources necessary to support or implement a program.
- (c) The division shall approve at least one but not more than six applications each year.
- (d) The division shall determine which applicants receive a grant under this section before December 31, 2022.

(3) An application for a grant under this section shall:

- (a) identify the population to whom the applicant will provide services under a program;
- (b) identify the small primary health care practice's current resources that are used to provide integrated physical and behavioral health services;
- (c) explain how the population described in Subsection (3)(a) will benefit from the program;
- (d) provide details regarding:
 - (i) how the applicant will provide timely and effective services under the program;

- (ii) any existing or planned contracts or partnerships between the applicant and other persons that are related to a collaborative care model;
 - (iii) the methods the applicant will use to:
 - (A) protect the privacy of each individual to whom the applicant provides services under the program; and
 - (B) collect non-identifying data; and
 - (e) provide other information requested by the division for the division to evaluate the application.
- (4) In evaluating an application for a grant under this section, the division shall consider:
- (a) the extent to which providing the grant to the applicant will fulfill the purpose of providing increased integrated physical and behavioral health services; and
 - (b) the extent to which the population described in Subsection (3)(a) is likely to benefit from the applicant receiving the grant.
- (5) Before July 1, 2023, the division shall submit a written report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee regarding each applicant the division provided a grant to in the preceding year under this section.
- (6) Before July 1, 2024, the division shall submit a written report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee regarding:
- (a) data gathered and knowledge gained in relation to providing grants to an applicant; and
 - (b) recommendations for how the state can better implement integrated physical and behavioral health services.

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