

- 88 (iii) verification of the amount provided by a rural hospital to a physician for  
 89 repayment of the physician's education loans;  
 90 (iv) service conditions, which at a minimum shall include professional service by the  
 91 physician in the rural hospital providing loan repayment assistance to the physician;  
 92 (v) selection criteria and assistance amounts;  
 93 (vi) penalties for failure to comply with service conditions or other terms of a loan  
 94 repayment assistance contract; and  
 95 (vii) criteria for modifying or waiving service conditions or penalties in the case of  
 96 extreme hardship or for other good cause.

97 (b) The department shall seek and consider the recommendations of the Rural  
 98 Physician Loan Repayment Program Advisory Committee created under Section 26-46a-104 as  
 99 it develops and modifies rules to administer the program.

100 Section 4. Section **26-46a-104** is enacted to read:

101 **26-46a-104. Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program Advisory Committee --**  
 102 **Membership -- Compensation -- Duties.**

103 (1) There is created the Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program Advisory  
 104 Committee consisting of the following ~~Ŧ~~ [seven] eight ~~Ŧ~~ members appointed by the executive  
 104a director:

105 (a) two legislators whose districts include rural counties; and

106 (b) five administrators of rural hospitals nominated by an association representing Utah  
 107 hospitals, no more than two of whom are employed by hospitals affiliated by ownership ~~Ŧ~~ ; and

107a (c) a physician currently practicing in a rural county ~~Ŧ~~ .

108 (2) An appointment to the committee shall be for a four-year term unless the member is  
 109 appointed to complete an unexpired term. The executive director shall adjust the length of  
 110 term at the time of appointment or reappointment so that approximately one half of the  
 111 committee is appointed every two years. The executive director shall annually appoint a  
 112 committee chair from among the members of the committee.

113 (3) (a) The committee shall meet at the call of:

114 (i) the chair;

115 (ii) at least three members of the committee; or

116 (iii) the executive director.

117 (b) The committee shall meet at least once each calendar year.

118 (4) A majority of the members of the committee constitutes a quorum. The action of a