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Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program

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Legislative Report on the Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program

Background:

The Utah Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program (RPLRP) exists to provide, with funding appropriated by the Legislature for this purpose, education loan repayment assistance to physicians in exchange for serving Utah rural communities and citizens.

Purpose:

- In 2018, the Utah Office of Primary Care and Rural Health (OPCRH) was awarded \$300,000.00 for this program.
- This is used to address the areas of the state that have a substantial need for medical care for under-served and uninsured populations.
- These grant contracts are for new physicians in rural areas and require the hospital, at which they are hired, to match the funds given by the state, and are for two years.
- All RPLRP contracts are for \$30,000.00, which is paid out in 2 payments of \$15,000.00. In 2019, two 1 year extensions were also awarded in the amount of \$15,000.00 each.
- The physicians are required to submit bi-annual progress reports. This report includes number of patients seen and scope of practice.
- In the 2018-2019 FY, the RPLRP has funded eight new physicians and two extensions in rural Utah, with contracts totaling \$270,000.00.
- As per rule, Rule 26-46a-103, the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health retains \$30,000 for administrative costs.

Please refer to Table 1 for rural hospitals participating in this program.

Table 1.

Identifier	Degree	Hospital	County	Grant Award per year	Hospital Match per year
Provider 1	D.O. Family	Kane County Hospital	Kane	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 2	D.O. OB/GYN	Brigham City Community Hospital	Box Elder	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 3 Extension of 1 year	D.O. Pediatric	Central Valley Hospital	Juab	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00

Provider 4	M.D. Family	Sevier Valley Hospital	Sevier	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 5 Extension of 1 year	D.O. Family	IHC Park City	Summit	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 6	M.D. Family	Sanpete Valley Hospital	Sanpete	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 7	D.O. General Surgery	San Juan & Blue Mtn Hospitals	San Juan	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 8	M.D. Ortho	Blue Mtn Hospital	San Juan	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 9	M.D. Ortho	Ashley Valley	Uintah	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 10	M.D. Family	Sevier Valley Hospital	Sevier	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00