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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 2016, 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 underserved 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.
- The physicians are required to submit bi-annual progress reports. This report includes number of patients seen and scope of practice.
- In the 2016-2018 FY, the RPLRP has funded nine physicians in rural Utah, with contracts totaling \$270,000.00 which is paid out over a two year period. The first year expenditures, as of this date, amount to \$60,000.00.

Additionally, 7 new applications have been received for the 2018 cycle. Six (6) of those have been awarded.

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

Identifier	Degree	Hospital	Location	Grant Award per year	Hospital Match per year
Provider 1	DO	Castlevew	Price	\$15,000.00	\$12,000.00
Provider 2	DO	Moab Regional	Moab	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 3	DO	Ashley Regional	Vernal	\$15,000.00	\$24,000.00

Provider 4	DO	Blue Mountain Hospital	Blanding	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 5	MD	IHC N. Sevier Hospital	Sevier Valley	\$15,000.00	\$25,000.00
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Provider 7	MD	Uintah Basin Medical Center	Roosevelt	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 8	MD	IHC Park City	Park City	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 9	DO	Kane County Hospital	Kanab	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00