

March 14, 2007

H 692. FUNDS FOR HEALTH SAFETY NET PROVIDERS. Filed 3/14/07. *TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE OF RESEARCH, DEMONSTRATIONS, AND RURAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENT, FOR A GRANT PROGRAM TO ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF PRIMARY AND PREVENTIVE MEDICAL SERVICES TO UNINSURED OR MEDICALLY INDIGENT PATIENTS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE.*

Appropriates \$15 million for 2007-08 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Research, Demonstrations and Rural Health Development to be used to award competitive grants to federally qualified health centers, rural health centers, free clinics, public health departments and other nonprofit organizations to assist in the provision of care to uninsured or medically indigent patients. Directs the Office to work with the North Carolina Community Health Center Association and the North Carolina Public Health Association to establish an advisory committee to develop a process for awarding the grants and to study and make recommendations for continuing funds to support organizations serving the state's uninsured and indigent population. Requires report on use of funds to the Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittee/Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division by March 1, 2008. Effective July 1, 2007.

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