



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Bollhorst, BB0276 - Free and charitable clinics

FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

GENERAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Free and charitable clinics

This bill defines “free and charitable clinics” as health care organizations that use a volunteer and staff model to provide health services to uninsured, underinsured, underserved, economically and socially disadvantaged, and vulnerable populations and that meet criteria specified in the bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 250.15 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 250.15 (1) (intro.) and amended to read:

250.15 (1) ~~DEFINITION~~ DEFINITIONS. (intro.) In this section, “community:

(a) “Community health center” means a health care entity that provides primary health care, health education and social services to low-income individuals.

SECTION 2. 250.15 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

250.15 (1) (b) “Free and charitable clinics” means health care organizations that use a volunteer and staff model to provide health services to uninsured, underinsured, underserved, economically and socially disadvantaged, and vulnerable populations and that meet all of the following criteria:

1. The organizations are nonprofit and tax exempt or are a part of a larger nonprofit, tax-exempt organization.

2. The organizations are located in this state or serve residents in this state.

3. The organizations restrict eligibility to receive services to individuals who are uninsured, underinsured, or have limited or no access to primary, specialty, or prescription care.

4. The organizations provide one or more of the following services:

a. Medical care.

b. Mental health care.

c. Dental care.

d. Prescription medications.

5. The organizations use volunteer health care professionals, nonclinical volunteers, and partnerships with other health care providers to provide the services under subd. 4.

6. The organizations are not federally-qualified health centers as defined in [42 USC 1396d](#) (1) (2) and do not receive reimbursement from the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services under a federally-qualified health center payment methodology.

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