

19 and reside in rural counties. The department shall award grants to eligible health care
20 professionals on the basis of available funds in the following order of descending
21 priority:

- 22 (1) Primary care physicians;
- 23 (2) Dentists;
- 24 (3) Registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses;
- 25 (4) Psychiatrists; and
- 26 (5) Chiropractors.

27 3. Any health care professional who begins practice as a health care professional
28 in a rural county after August 28, 2024, who resides in such rural county, and who is
29 willing to enter into a grant agreement under the terms outlined in subsection 4 of this
30 section shall be eligible to receive a grant under this section. The department shall post
31 on its website the eligibility criteria outlined in this section, the contents of the grant
32 application, and the procedures and timelines by which health care professionals may
33 apply for grants.

34 4. The department shall enter into a grant agreement with each health care
35 professional to whom it awards a grant under this section. The grant agreement shall be
36 in writing and shall contain:

- 37 (1) A provision that the health care professional agrees to reside and practice as
38 a health care professional in a rural county for a continuous five-year period and the
39 state agrees to pay the health care professional twenty thousand dollars each year of
40 such five-year period, with such period of residence and practice to begin immediately;
- 41 (2) A provision that any obligations arising out of the agreement entered into
42 under subdivision (1) of this subsection are contingent upon funds being appropriated
43 for grant payments;
- 44 (3) A provision identifying the rural county where the health care professional
45 will practice and reside;
- 46 (4) A statement of the damages to which the state is entitled for the health care
47 professional's breach of the grant agreement; and
- 48 (5) Such other statements of the rights and liabilities of the department and of
49 the health care professional not inconsistent with this section.

50 5. If an individual breaches the written grant agreement by failing either to
51 begin the five-year period of residence and practice or to complete the five-year period
52 of residence and practice, the state shall be entitled to recover from the individual an
53 amount equal to the sum of:

- 54 (1) The total of the amounts paid by the state to the individual under the grant
55 agreement;

