COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rule making related to health care professional recruitment program and providing an opportunity for public comment

The College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to amend Chapter 14, "Health Care Professional Recruitment Program," Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 261.3.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapter 261 and 2022 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2383.

Purpose and Summary

The proposed rule making implements amendments enacted in 2022 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2383. Senate File 2383 adds registered nurses and advanced registered nurse practitioners as eligible health care professionals, and adds Iowa community colleges as eligible institutions. In addition, the rule making makes a correction to an incorrect Iowa Code reference.

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 283—Chapter 7.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rule making. Written or oral comments in response to this rule making must be received by the Commission no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 13, 2022. Comments should be directed to:

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Public Hearing

No public hearing is scheduled at this time. As provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b," an oral presentation regarding this rule making may be demanded by 25 interested persons, a governmental subdivision, the Administrative Rules Review Committee, an agency, or an association having 25 or more members.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its regular monthly meeting or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rule-making actions are proposed:

ITEM 1. Amend rule **283—14.1(261)**, definitions of "Eligible institution" and "Health care professional," as follows:

"Eligible institution" means an institution of higher learning governed by the state board of regents, a community college established under Iowa Code chapter 260C, or an accredited private institution as defined in Iowa Code section 261.9. Eligible institutions seeking to participate must complete an application provided by the commission and agree to place health care professionals in eligible rural communities.

"Health care professional" means an individual who holds a practitioner's license issued by an agency or board under the Iowa department of public health and is employed as an <u>advanced registered nurse practitioner</u>, athletic trainer, occupational therapist, physician, physician assistant, podiatrist, or physical therapist, or registered nurse.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 14.2(6) as follows:

14.2(6) Restrictions. A recipient of a loan repayment award under Iowa Code section 261.113, 261.114, or 261.115 261.116 shall not be eligible for an award under this chapter. A health care professional who is in default on a Stafford loan, SLS loan, Grad PLUS loan, or a Perkins/National Direct/National Defense student loan or who owes a repayment on any Title IV grant assistance or state award shall be ineligible for repayment benefits. Eligibility for state aid may be reinstated upon payment in full of the delinquent obligation or by commission ruling on the basis of adequate extenuating evidence presented in appeal under the procedures set forth in 283—Chapter 5.