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S. P. 652

In Senate, January 23, 1976

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Graham of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SIX

**AN ACT Appropriating Funds for the Development and Expansion of
Family Practice Residency Programs.**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 416 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 416

FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

§ 2100. Intent

The intent of this Act is to provide "seed" moneys for the development and expansion of family practice residency programs in the State over a 7-year period in order to assist in the training of more physicians in the State who may in turn provide future medical manpower to the people of the State.

§ 2101. Definitions

As used in this chapter, a family practice residency program shall be a post graduate training program to qualify physicians to practice primary care medicine, with special emphasis on preparing them for work in rural areas.

Accredited family practice residency programs shall mean programs approved by appropriate agencies of the American Medical Association or the American Osteopathic Association.

§ 2102. Use

The moneys referred to in section 2100 shall be appropriated annually from the General Fund and these moneys shall be distributed to any hospital

or other entity sponsoring an accredited family practice residency program to pay for a part of the cost of operating the program. These moneys shall be appropriated to and then distributed by Medical Care Development, Inc., after receiving requests from all eligible hospitals or other entities, on the basis of the number of residents in all of the family practice residency programs applying for support. Medical Care Development, Inc., shall be entitled to reimbursement from any such appropriation for its costs of administering, supervising and evaluating the distribution and use of funds provided hereunder.

§ 2103. Duration

This chapter shall remain effective until June 30, 1984.

Sec. 2. Appropriation

There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$221,400 to Medical Care Development, Inc., a Maine nonprofit corporation involved in a state-wide program of improving the health care delivery system in Maine for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides funds for the development and expansion of family practice residency programs.