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SYNOPSIS
"Physician-Dentist Fellowship and Education Program to Provide Health Care to Persons with Developmental Disabilities;" appropriates $5,000,000.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
Substitute as adopted by the General Assembly.

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AN ACT establishing a "Physician-Dentist Fellowship and Education Program to Provide Health Care to Persons with Developmental Disabilities" and making an appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. There is established a "Physician-Dentist Fellowship and Education Program to Provide Health Care to Persons with Developmental Disabilities" within the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. The purpose of the program is to provide physicians and dentists with graduate and fellowship training through academic institutions in the State and continuing medical and dental education on a Statewide basis, in the provision of medical and dental services to persons with developmental disabilities to ensure that these services are accessible and adequately available to persons with developmental disabilities in the State.

2. There is established a 15-member Consortium on Physician and Dentist Training in Health Care for Persons with Developmental Disabilities to advise the director of the program on the implementation of this act.

   a. The members of the consortium shall include: one representative each from the pediatric medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, neurology and psychiatry programs at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, one representative from the New Jersey Dental School, and one representative of the University Affiliated Program, to be appointed by the President of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey; the director of the Mainstreaming Medical Care program of The Arc of New Jersey, who shall serve ex officio; the Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities in the Department of Human Services, who shall serve ex officio; three health care provider public members appointed by the President of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, one each upon the recommendation of the Medical Society of New Jersey, the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons and the New Jersey Dental Association; and three public members appointed by the President of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, upon the recommendation of the Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities, two of whom shall represent community organizations that advocate for persons with developmental disabilities and one of whom shall be a family member of a person with a developmental disability or a person with a developmental disability who is a self advocate.

   The President of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey shall make the appointments to the consortium within 60 days.
of the effective date of this act.

Members of the consortium shall serve for a term of three years and are eligible for reappointment, but of the members first appointed, five shall serve for a term of one year, four for a term of two years and four for a term of three years. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments were made.

b. Members shall serve without compensation, but the public members shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties and within the limits of funds appropriated to the program.

c. The consortium shall organize as soon as may be practicable after the appointment of its members. The members of the consortium shall elect a chairman from among the members. The director of the program, appointed pursuant to section 5 of this act, shall serve as secretary to the consortium.

d. The consortium shall assist the director of the program in establishing policies and procedures for the nomination and selection of physicians and dentists as program fellows. The consortium shall otherwise advise the director on the operation of the program as the director deems necessary, and as specified in this act.

3. The program shall:

a. Create training sites in each of the northern, central and southern regions of the State;

b. Establish cooperative agreements with managed care organizations, community health centers and other health care facilities in the State, in which the program participants can provide medical and dental care to persons with developmental disabilities;

c. Establish standards for one to two year fellowships, which shall include clinical, didactic and research components, as appropriate, and provide stipends to the program fellows which are comparable to other post-graduate medical and dental fellowships offered in the State;

d. Establish collaborative, working relationships with accredited residency programs in the State to provide training to medical and dental residents in the provision of health care to persons with developmental disabilities; and

e. Ensure the development and provision of continuing medical education and continuing dental education for physicians and dentists, respectively, on a Statewide basis, in the care of persons with developmental disabilities.

4. A fellowship applicant shall:

a. Be a graduate of a medical school approved by the State Board of Medical Examiners for the purpose of licensure and receive a recommendation from the school’s medical staff concerning participation in the program in the case of a physician, or be a
graduate of a dental school approved by the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry for the purpose of licensure and receive a recommendation from the school's dental staff concerning participation in the program in the case of a dentist;

b. In the case of a physician, have completed a professional residency training program and have received a recommendation from the medical staff of the residency training program concerning participation in the program established pursuant to this act; and

c. Agree to provide medical or dental care to persons with developmental disabilities, as appropriate, in the State following completion of the fellowship for a time period equal to the length of the applicant's fellowship training.

5. The President of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey shall, in consultation with the consortium, appoint a director for the program who shall be a State licensed physician. The director of the program need not be solely responsible for the program and may continue to have other duties. The director may, in consultation with the consortium, appoint regional chairmen or chairmen of medical or dental practice specialties, as the director deems necessary for the operation of the program.

6. The director of the program, in consultation with the consortium, shall report one year after the effective date of this act, and annually thereafter, to the Senate and General Assembly standing reference committees on Health on the status of the program. The report shall include information about the design of the program, the number of medical and dental participants in the fellowship, residency training and continuing education components of the program, respectively, the fellowship participants' training locations and their practice specialties, and follow-up information about where the fellowship participants have chosen to practice after completion of their fellowship.

7. There is appropriated a grant of $5,000,000 from the General Fund to the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey for costs associated with the program, which costs shall include, but not be limited to, the fellowships awarded to medical and dental participants, program administrative costs, faculty salaries, educational costs for the didactic component and support for resource units which assist with educational activities and clinical training. The indirect administrative costs of the program shall not exceed the indirect costs rate applicable for comparable training programs under federal law. Of the amount appropriated, $2.25 million shall be allocated to the fellowship program; $2.25 million shall be allocated to residency
training programs; and $500,000 shall be allocated to continuing
medical and dental education programs.

8. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after enactment.

STATEMENT

This substitute establishes a "Physician-Dentist Fellowship and
Education Program to Provide Health Care to Persons with
Developmental Disabilities" within the University of Medicine and
Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ). The purpose of the program is to
provide physicians and dentists with graduate and fellowship training
through academic institutions in the State and continuing medical and
dental education on a Statewide basis, in the provision of medical and
dental services to persons with developmental disabilities to ensure
that these services are accessible and adequately available to persons
with developmental disabilities in the State.

The program shall:

a. Create training sites in each of the northern, central and
   southern regions of the State;

b. Establish cooperative agreements with managed care
   organizations, community health centers and other health care facilities
   in the State, in which the program participants can provide medical
   and dental care to persons with developmental disabilities;

c. Establish standards for one to two year fellowships, which shall
   include clinical, didactic and research components, as appropriate, and
   provide stipends to the program fellows which are comparable to other
   post-graduate medical and dental fellowships offered in the State;

d. Establish collaborative, working relationships with accredited
   residency programs in the State to provide training to medical and
   dental residents in the provision of health care to persons with
   developmentally disabilities; and

e. Ensure the development and provision of continuing medical
   education and continuing dental education for physicians and dentists,
   respectively, on a Statewide basis, in the care of persons with
   developmental disabilities.

It is the intent of the sponsor that in creating the training sites, the
program will determine the sites where persons with developmental
disabilities are currently receiving health care services and to the
extent practicable, integrate these sites into the program.

The substitute also establishes a 15-member Consortium on
Physician and Dentist Training in Health Care for Persons with
Developmental Disabilities to assist the director of the program in
establishing policies and procedures for the nomination and selection
of physicians and dentists as program fellows.
The consortium shall otherwise advise the director on the operation of the program as the director deems necessary, and as specified in this substitute. The consortium members shall include: one representative each from the pediatric medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, neurology and psychiatry programs at UMDNJ, one representative from the New Jersey Dental School, and one representative of the University Affiliated Program, to be appointed by the President of UMDNJ; the director of the Mainstreaming Medical Care program of The Arc of New Jersey, who shall serve ex officio; the Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities in the Department of Human Services, who shall serve ex officio; three health care provider public members appointed by the President of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, one each upon the recommendation of the Medical Society of New Jersey, the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons and the New Jersey Dental Association; and three public members appointed by the President of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, upon the recommendation of the Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities, two of whom shall represent community organizations that advocate for persons with developmental disabilities and one of whom shall be a family member of a person with a developmental disability or a person with a developmental disability who is a self advocate.

The President of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey shall make the appointments to the consortium within 60 days of the effective date of this substitute.

The substitute requires that a fellowship applicant be a graduate of a medical school or dental school approved by the State Board of Medical Examiners or the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry, as appropriate, and receive a recommendation from the school's medical or dental staff concerning participation in the program, and in the case of a physician, have completed a professional residency training program and have received a recommendation from the medical staff of the residency training program concerning participation in the program. Fellowship applicants also shall agree to provide medical or dental care to persons with developmental disabilities, as appropriate, in the State following completion of the fellowship for a time period equal to the length of the applicant's fellowship training.

The substitute directs the President of UMDNJ to appoint, in consultation with the consortium, a director for the program who shall be a State licensed physician. The director may, in consultation with the consortium, appoint regional chairmen or chairmen of medical or dental practice specialties, as the director deems necessary for the operation of the program. The director shall report one year after the effective date of this act, and annually thereafter, to the Senate and General Assembly standing reference committees on Health on the
status of the program. Finally, the substitute appropriates $5,000,000 to UMDNJ for costs associated with the program, which costs shall include, but not be limited to, the fellowships awarded to medical and dental participants, program administrative costs, faculty salaries, educational costs for the didactic component and support for resource units which assist with educational activities and clinical training. The substitute limits the indirect administrative costs of the program to the indirect costs rate applicable for comparable training programs under federal law. Also, the substitute provides that of the amount appropriated, $2.25 million shall be allocated to the fellowship program; $2.25 million shall be allocated to residency programs; and $500,000 shall be allocated to continuing medical and dental education programs.