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NORTH DAKOTA AHEC

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HB 1049 to provide compensation to Licensed Addictive Counselors (LAC) to precept LAC internship students.

North Dakota Area Health Education Center (AHEC)

The ND AHEC currently provides travel, housing, per diem reimbursement for health care professionals participating in a rural clinical rotation. Currently, ND AHEC contracts with individuals and students to assist with expenses for the student.

Licensed Addictive Counselors (LAC)

The LAC Internship program requires a preceptor for the student to complete the internship. In the public sector, DHS provides the preceptor compensation. In the private sector, there is no program to assist the LAC compensation to preceptor a student, even though the LAC in the private sector is unable to bill patient time for the same hours as the public sector. Because of this, the private sector does not accept interns in the LAC program due to the lack of compensation.

Currently, the public system reimburses 5% (\$221-269/month) for 9 months resulting in \$1989-\$2421/LAC

ND AHEC is positioned to administer this program for the private sector in North Dakota.

| Program Details: | Per Year | Per Biennium |
|---|------------------|---------------------|
| Compensation for preceptors per year | 25,000 | 50,000 |
| Increase in additional sites for LAC development | | |
| Increase number of preceptors | 25,000 | 50,000 |
| Travel and expense reimbursement for LAC Interns | | |
| 20 Interns @ \$1000 each for 9 months | 20,000 | 40,000 |
| Administration Fee | 100,000 | 200,000 |
| 1-FTE for North Dakota management and administration | | |
| Recruitment of students in and out of ND | | |
| Travel to set up private sector sites | | |
| Contract development and management for new sites | | |
| Evaluation of program, including data for recruitment | | |
| Study the effectiveness for the LAC Preceptor program | | |
| Marketing and promotion | | |
| Indirect cost (8%) paid to Mayville State University (ND AHEC fiscal agent) | \$13,600 | 27,200 |
| TOTAL | \$183,600 | \$367,200 |

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