

1 South Florida, shall maintain and evaluate ~~organize~~ an area
2 health education center network focused ~~based on earlier~~
3 ~~medically indigent demonstration projects and shall evaluate~~
4 ~~the impact of each network~~ on improving access to health
5 services by persons who are medically underserved. The
6 network shall serve as ~~be~~ a catalyst for the primary care
7 training of health professionals by increasing ~~through~~
8 ~~increased~~ opportunities for training in medically underserved
9 areas, increasing access to primary care services, providing
10 health workforce recruitment, enhancing the quality of health
11 care, and addressing current and emerging public health
12 issues.

13 (1) The department shall contract with the medical
14 schools designated in subsection (1) to assist in funding the
15 ~~an~~ area health education center network, which links the
16 provision of primary care services to medically underserved
17 populations ~~low income persons~~ with the education of:

18 (a) Medical students, interns, and residents. The
19 network shall:

20 (a) ~~Be coordinated with and under contract with the~~
21 ~~state approved medical schools, which shall be responsible for~~
22 ~~the clinical training and supervision.~~

23 1.(b) Divide the state into service areas with each
24 state-approved medical school coordinating the recruitment
25 ~~recruiting~~, training, and retention of medical students within
26 its assigned area.

27 (c) ~~Use a multidisciplinary approach with appropriate~~
28 ~~medical supervision.~~

29 2.(d) Use ~~current~~ community resources, such as county
30 health departments, federally funded community or migrant
31 health ~~primary care centers, and~~ ~~or~~ other primary health care

1 providers, ~~as community-based~~ sites for training medical
2 students, interns, and residents.

3 3. Use a multidisciplinary approach with appropriate
4 medical supervision.

5 (b) Students in the health care professions. The
6 network shall:

7 1. Facilitate the recruitment, training, and retention
8 of students in the health care professions within service
9 areas.

10 2. Use community resources, such as county health
11 departments, federally funded community or migrant health
12 centers, and other primary health care providers, as sites for
13 training students in the health care professions.

14 3. Use a multidisciplinary approach with appropriate
15 supervision.

16 (c) Health care providers serving medically
17 underserved populations. The network shall:

18 1. Assist providers in medically underserved areas and
19 other safety net providers in remaining current in their
20 fields through a variety of community resource initiatives.

21 2. Strengthen the health care safety net in this state
22 by enhancing services and increasing access to care in
23 medically underserved areas.

24 3. Provide other services, such as library and
25 information resources, continuing professional education,
26 technical assistance, and other support services, for
27 providers who serve in medically underserved areas.

28 (2) The department shall establish criteria and
29 procedures for quality assurance, performance evaluations,
30 periodic audits, and other appropriate safeguards for the
31 network.

