


MEMORANDUM

DATE	March 2, 2017
TO	Policy and Advocacy Committee
FROM	 Konnor Leitzell Central Services Student Assistant
SUBJECT	Agenda Item #7 (a)(ii)(C) – AB148 (Mathis) California Physician Corps Program: Practice Setting

Background:

Existing law establishes the Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program in the California Physician Corps Program within the Health Professions Education Foundation, which provides financial incentives, including repayment of educational loans, to a physician and surgeon who practices in a medically underserved area. Existing law defines "practice setting," for these purposes, to include a community clinic, a clinic owned or operated by a public hospital and health system, or a clinic owned and operated by a hospital that maintains the primary contract with a county government to fulfill the county's role to serve its indigent population. This bill would instead require that the clinic or the physician owned and operated medical practice setting serve at least 30 percent of patients, if the area is rural, or at least 50 percent of patients, if the area is urban, who are indigent.

Location: Assembly Health Committee

Status: 01/19/2017 to Assembly Committee on Health.

Action Requested:

No action is required at this time. Staff will continue to watch AB 148 (Mathis).