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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to services and providers included under the  
2 volunteer health care provider program.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 135.24, subsection 1, Code 2005, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. The director shall establish within the department a  
4 program to provide to eligible hospitals, clinics, free  
5 clinics, or other health care facilities, health care referral  
6 programs, or charitable organizations, free medical, dental,  
7 and chiropractic, pharmaceutical, psychological, social work,  
8 behavioral science, podiatric, physical therapy, occupational  
9 therapy, respiratory therapy, medical technology, and  
10 emergency medical care services given on a voluntary basis by  
11 health care providers. A participating health care provider  
12 shall register with the department and obtain from the  
13 department a list of eligible, participating hospitals,  
14 clinics, free clinics, or other health care facilities, health  
15 care referral programs, or charitable organizations.

16 Sec. 2. Section 135.24, subsection 2, paragraphs a, c, and  
17 d, Code 2005, are amended to read as follows:

18 a. Procedures for registration of health care providers  
19 deemed qualified by the board of medical examiners, the board  
20 of physician assistant examiners, the board of dental  
21 examiners, the board of nursing, the board of chiropractic  
22 examiners, the board of psychology examiners, the board of  
23 social work examiners, the board of behavioral science  
24 examiners, and the board of pharmacy examiners, the board of  
25 podiatry examiners, the board of physical and occupational  
26 therapy examiners, the state board for respiratory care, and  
27 the Iowa department of public health, as applicable.

28 c. Criteria for and identification of hospitals, clinics,  
29 free clinics, or other health care facilities, health care  
30 referral programs, or charitable organizations, eligible to  
31 participate in the provision of free medical, dental, or  
32 chiropractic, pharmaceutical, psychological, social work,  
33 behavioral science, podiatric, physical therapy, occupational  
34 therapy, respiratory therapy, medical technology, or emergency  
35 medical care services through the volunteer health care

1 provider program. A free clinic, a health care facility, a  
2 health care referral program, a charitable organization, or a  
3 health care provider participating in the program shall not  
4 bill or charge a patient for any health care provider service  
5 provided under the volunteer health care provider program.

6 d. Identification of the services to be provided under the  
7 program. The services provided may include, but shall not be  
8 limited to, obstetrical and gynecological medical services,  
9 psychiatric services provided by a physician licensed under  
10 chapter 148, 150, or 150A, dental services or other services  
11 provided under chapter 147A, 148A, 148B, 149, 151, 152B, 154B,  
12 154C, 154D, or 155A.

13 Sec. 3. Section 135.24, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code  
14 2005, is amended to read as follows:

15 b. Provided medical, dental, ~~or~~ chiropractic,  
16 pharmaceutical, psychological, social work, behavioral  
17 science, podiatric, physical therapy, occupational therapy,  
18 respiratory therapy, medical technology, or emergency medical  
19 care services through a hospital, clinic, free clinic, or  
20 other health care facility, health care referral program, or  
21 charitable organization listed as eligible and participating  
22 by the department pursuant to subsection 1.

23 Sec. 4. Section 135.24, subsection 5, Code 2005, is  
24 amended to read as follows:

25 5. For the purposes of this section, "charitable  
26 organization" means a charitable organization within the  
27 meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code  
28 which has as its primary purpose the sponsorship or support of  
29 programs designed to improve the quality, awareness, and  
30 availability of chiropractic, dental, ~~or~~ medical,  
31 pharmaceutical, psychological, social work, behavioral  
32 science, podiatric, physical therapy, occupational therapy,  
33 respiratory therapy, medical technology, or emergency medical  
34 care services to children and to serve as a funding mechanism  
35 for provision of chiropractic, dental, ~~or~~ medical,

1 pharmaceutical, psychological, social work, behavioral  
2 science, podiatric, physical therapy, occupational therapy,  
3 respiratory therapy, medical technology, and emergency medical  
4 care services, including but not limited to immunizations, to  
5 children in this state.

6 Sec. 5. Section 135.24, subsection 6, paragraph b, Code  
7 2005, is amended to read as follows:

8 b. "Health care provider" means a physician licensed under  
9 chapter 148, 150, 150A, or 151, a physical therapist licensed  
10 pursuant to chapter 148A, an occupational therapist licensed  
11 pursuant to chapter 148B, a podiatrist licensed pursuant to  
12 chapter 149, a physician assistant licensed and practicing  
13 under a supervising physician pursuant to chapter 148C, a  
14 licensed practical nurse, or a registered nurse licensed  
15 pursuant to chapter 152, a respiratory therapist licensed  
16 pursuant to chapter 152B, a dentist, dental hygienist, or  
17 dental assistant registered or licensed to practice under  
18 chapter 153, a psychologist licensed pursuant to chapter 154B,  
19 a social worker licensed pursuant to chapter 154C, a mental  
20 health counselor licensed pursuant to chapter 154D, or a  
21 pharmacist licensed pursuant to chapter 155A, or a medical  
22 technologist, emergency medical care provider, certified nurse  
23 assistant, or certified medical assistant, certified or  
24 approved by the Iowa department of public health.

25 EXPLANATION

26 This bill adds to the definition of "health care provider"  
27 under the volunteer health care provider program, physical  
28 therapists, occupational therapists, podiatrists, respiratory  
29 therapists, medical technologists, emergency medical care  
30 providers, certified nurse assistants, and certified medical  
31 assistants. The bill also makes conforming changes to the  
32 section of the Code establishing the volunteer health care  
33 provider program to include physical therapists, occupational  
34 therapists, podiatrists, medical technologists, emergency  
35 medical care providers, certified nurse assistants, and

1 certified medical assistants.

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