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§20–1405. IN EFFECT

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(a) Health Enterprise Zone practitioners that practice in a Health Enterprise Zone may receive:

(1) Tax credits against the State income tax as provided in § 10–731 of the Tax – General Article;

(2) Loan repayment assistance, as provided for in the application for designation for the Health Enterprise Zone and approved by the Secretary and the Commission under this subtitle;

(3) Priority to enter the Maryland Patient Centered Medical Home Program, if the Health Enterprise Zone practitioner meets the standards developed by the Maryland Health Care Commission for entry into the Program; and

(4) Priority for the receipt of any State funding available for electronic health records, if feasible and if other standards for receipt of the funding are met.

(b) A nonprofit community–based organization or a local government agency that applies on behalf of an area for designation as a Health Enterprise Zone may receive grants, as determined by the Commission and the Secretary, to implement actions outlined in the organization’s or agency’s application to improve health outcomes and reduce health disparities in the Health Enterprise Zone.

(c) (1) A Health Enterprise Zone practitioner may apply to the Secretary for a grant to defray the costs of capital or leasehold improvements to, or medical or dental equipment to be used in, a Health Enterprise Zone.

(2) To qualify for a grant under paragraph (1) of this subsection, a Health Enterprise Zone practitioner shall:

(i) Own or lease the health care facility; and

(ii) Provide health care from that facility.

(3) (i) A grant to defray the cost of medical or dental equipment may not exceed the lesser of \$25,000 or 50% of the cost of the equipment.

(ii) Grants for capital or leasehold improvements shall be for the purposes of improving or expanding the delivery of health care in the Health Enterprise Zone.

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