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A Local Law Establishing A Physician Recruitment Program

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF
WELLSVILLE, NEW YORK AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. INTENT

It is the intent of this local law to promote recruitment of physicians to meet the acute physician shortage in the Wellsville area to establish a means whereby local efforts can be coordinated to recruit physicians, and to provide village funds to support physician recruitment.

SECTION 2. AUTHORIZATION

The Village of Wellsville is hereby authorized to appropriate and expend village funds in cash or kind for physician recruitment and is further authorized to appropriate and expend village funds in cash or kind for the purpose of contracting with physician placement groups or agencies for recruitment of physicians in the private or public sector and to enter into contracts with persons, corporations, associations, agencies or municipalities to carry into effect within the Jones Memorial Hospital service area such programs.

SECTION 3.

The Board of Managers of Jones Memorial Hospital shall have authority to provide minimum gross income guarantees for a period not to exceed two (2) years for physicians specifically recruited under the physician recruitment program, and to appropriate funds for brochures, travel expenses for physicians being recruited, and moving expenses of physicians specifically recruited by the Village of Wellsville provided such physicians agree to practice in the Jones Memorial Hospital service area for a specified period of time.

SECTION 4.

The Board of Managers shall have the authority to appropriate and expend moneys to provide funds, matching funds or percentage funding of organized community action programs of a voluntary citizen nature, travel expenses of volunteers engaged in recruitment, underwriting a schedule of stipulated gross income guarantees to physicians who agree to complete two years of practice in the Jones Memorial Hospital service area, and underwriting provisions made for low rentals on offices and homes during the first years of beginning practices with options to physicians to purchase or pay full rental after designated periods of time.

SECTION 5.

The physician recruitment program shall be coordinated by the Board of Managers of Jones Memorial Hospital and the Medical Recruitment Committee. The office of the Administrator of Jones Memorial Hospital shall serve as a central depository and clearing house for information pertaining to all aspects of physician supply and recruitment in the Jones Memorial Hospital service area.

SECTION 6.

The Board of Managers of Jones Memorial Hospital shall be the contracting party which enters into contracts on behalf of the village with any physician recruiting under this program. The contracts shall guarantee that annual gross income to the physician shall be not less than a fixed amount of money and the amount shall be expressly stated in the contract. In return for the guarantee, the physician shall promise to practice medicine in the Jones Memorial service area for a fixed period of time that shall be expressly stated in the contract.

SECTION 7.

Prior to entering such a contractual relationship, the Board of Managers in consultation with the Medical Recruitment Committee must promulgate rules or regulations which establish the following:

1. The definition of "gross income" for purposes of such guarantee contracts.

2. The definition of "the Jones Memorial Hospital service area" for purposes of such guarantee contracts.

3. What types of private physicians are clearly needed in the area, and, therefore, may be given such guarantee.

4. A system of accountability, suitable to the Board, so as to assure and protect the public from the danger of a doctor's gross income being misrepresented in any way.

5. Any further provisions may be promulgated by the board under the authority of General Municipal Law, Section 128 (5).

SECTION 8.

Prior to entering such a contractual relationship, the board must find, and have stated in the contract, that the physician would not have practiced medicine in the Jones Memorial Hospital service area without the contractual guarantee. The board must also find, and have stated in the contract, that the public benefit from the added medical services in the Jones Memorial Hospital service area is a full and adequate consideration for the guarantee.

SECTION 9.

Provided that any amount so expended shall not be considered as a reimbursable expense pursuant to Section 2807 of the Public Health Law.

SECTION 10. This Local Law shall take effect immediately.