

Rep. Dallman: Authors rural pharmacy practice program legislation

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Madison, WI — State Representative Alex Dallman (R-Green Lake) re-introduced his bill, AB 255, which creates a rural pharmacy practice grant program administered by the Higher Educational Aids Board.

The Rural Pharmacy Incentive Program would incentivize graduates from Wisconsin's three Schools of Pharmacy to serve in rural communities. This bill would create a small pilot grant program administered by the Higher Educational Aids Board for graduates to offset the cost of higher education with a commitment to practice in rural communities over three years.

Currently, the average amount of debt that a student accrues from a School of Pharmacy is approximately \$180,000. This program would provide ten students up to \$30,000 per year for three years if they commit to serve in an underserved area for three years after graduation.

“For those of us that live in rural communities, we have seen a decrease in access to quality healthcare because the number of healthcare providers are shrinking. This bill will specifically work to alleviate the growing healthcare gap in our rural communities,” said Representative Dallman.