*** § 231. New York state health service corps.** 1. The commissioner shall establish within the department the New York state health service corps (hereinafter "corps"). The commissioner shall have central responsibility for administering the provisions of this title with respect to increasing the availability of health services in certain eligible facilities and institutions.

2. For purposes of this title: (a) "health corps professional" means a nurse, physician's assistant, dental hygienist, occupational therapist, speech-language pathologist, audiologist, physical therapist, midwife or such other health professional, other than a physician or dentist, who is determined by the commissioner, in consultation with the commissioners of education, correctional services, mental health, mental retardation and developmental disabilities and the president of the civil service commission, to possess the skills and training appropriate to the needs of eligible institutions and facilities;

(b) "eligible institutions and facilities" shall include: (i) facilities operated by the department of correctional services, office of mental health and office of mental retardation and developmental disabilities; (ii) non-profit agencies possessing operating certificates issued by the office of mental health or office of mental retardation and developmental disabilities or under contract with the commission for the blind and visually handicapped; (iii) not-for-profit diagnostic and treatment centers licensed under article twenty-eight of this chapter which have a critical shortage of health personnel, as determined by the commissioner and which serve the medically indigent and medicaid eligible persons; (iv) AIDS service sites, as defined in this section; (v) health care facilities operated by the department, provided that at any time the total number of placements in such facilities shall not exceed ten percent of the total number of placements under this section; and (vi) in the case of midwives, not-for-profit facilities licensed under article twenty-eight of this chapter which serve the medically indigent and medicaid eligible women;

(c) "president" means the president of the New York state higher education services corporation.

(d) "AIDS service sites" means health care facilities and non-profit or public agencies, designated by the commissioner, which provide care

or treatment to persons infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or who have acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) and which are currently experiencing a shortage of health personnel to specifically serve such person.

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