

LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

BACKGROUND

The Primary Care Loan Repayment Program (LRP) offers educational loan repayment to primary care practitioners who provide primary medical, dental, or behavioral health care in designated Health Professional Shortage Areas or serve a minimum of 30% low-income patients. The program aims to increase access to primary health care services and improve recruitment and retention of health care practitioners in underserved communities.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The listed primary care providers who are:

- Employed at an LRP-approved out-patient primary care practice site;
- A U.S. citizen or a U.S. national;
- A graduate of an accredited educational program in the U.S.; and
- Possess a valid Pennsylvania license in one of the eligible disciplines.

Physicians

Physician Assistants

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners

Certified Nurse Midwives

Dentists

Registered Dental Hygienists

Psychologists

Licensed Clinical Social Workers

Licensed Professional Counselors

Marriage and Family Therapists

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

The LRP offers grant funding to be used to repay qualifying educational debt in exchange for a two-year full-time or half-time service commitment at an LRP-approved practice site in an underserved area.

Physicians and dentists are eligible to receive up to \$100,000 of loan repayment for a full-time service commitment or up to \$50,000 for a half-time service commitment.

All other disciplines are eligible to receive up to \$60,000 of loan repayment for a full-time service commitment or up to \$30,000 for a half-time service commitment.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Applications may only be submitted via a web-based application in response to a competitive Request for Applications (RFA). Consideration for awards will include community need, Pennsylvania residency, graduation from Pennsylvania educational institutions, attainment of a health professions license within the past 10 years, and a connection to the community where the applicant is practicing.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Health-Planning/Pages/Loan-Repayment.aspx>

If you have any questions or to be notified when an RFA is announced, email us at loanrepayment@pa.gov.