

DC's Health Professional Loan Repayment Program



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The DC Department of Health (DOH) is now accepting applications for the Health Professional Loan Repayment Program (HPLRP), which provides loan repayment services to eligible providers practicing in HPLRP-certified Service Obligation Sites (SOS) in the District. DOH will be accepting new provider applications between October 1st - November 14th, 2014.

Eligible providers for the current HPLRP cycle include licensed and certified physicians, registered nurses, advanced practice nurses, physician assistants, and the following mental health providers: clinical social workers, clinical psychologists, and professional counselors.

Providers interested in the program must be employed or have an employment contract with a certified Service Obligation Site (SOS) to provide direct patient care for at least 40 hours per week. A site must be an approved SOS for a provider to be eligible for the HPLRP. To become a SOS, a site must be a public or non-profit entity located in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) and must submit an application to the HPLRP. Applicants must submit completed applications to the DOH by November 14th, 2014.

Two-year loan repayment contracts will be issued in January 2015. The contracts amounts will be equivalent to 44 percent of a provider's total eligible debt up to \$61,952 for physicians and dentists and up to \$34,073 for all other eligible professionals.

The program will be issuing approximately four to six, two-year awards, with the majority of awards to be made to primary medical care practitioners (e.g. primary care physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice nurses, and nurses). Up to three awards may be issued to mental health providers (psychiatrists, clinical social workers, clinical psychologists, professional counselors). As outlined in the legislation, preference will be given to practitioners in community-based settings.

For more information please click [here](#) or contact the loan repayment program directly at HPLRP@dc.gov or 202-442-9168.

