

PRIMARY CARE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM FACT SHEET October 2014

About the Loan Repayment Program (LRP)	<p>The LRP offers educational loan repayment to primary care practitioners who provide primary medical or dental health care in designated Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) or serve a minimum of 30% low-income patients in Pennsylvania.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible primary care practitioners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Physicians (primary care and psychiatrists only) ○ General Dentists ○ Physician Assistants (PA-C) ○ Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners (CRNP) ○ Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM) ○ Dental Hygienists ○ Psychologists ○ Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW) ○ Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC) ○ Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT)
The Goals of the Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase access to primary medical or dental health care services in underserved communities • Improve recruitment and retention of health practitioners in underserved communities
How the Program Works	<p>Loan repayment is provided for practitioners in exchange for two years of full-time or half-time service at an approved primary care practice site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physicians & Dentists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Up to \$100,000 of educational loan repayment for a full-time service commitment ○ Up to \$50,000 of educational loan repayment for a half-time service commitment • PA-C, CRNP, CNM, RDH, LCSW, LPC, MFT & Psychologists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Up to \$60,000 of educational loan repayment for a full-time service commitment ○ Up to \$30,000 of educational loan repayment for a half-time service commitment
Program Eligibility	<p>Practitioners must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commit to a two-year contract with the program • Be employed at a primary care practice site approved by the LRP which serve the underserved and provide services to all without regard for ability to pay • Be a graduate of an accredited educational program in the U.S. • Maintain a valid Pennsylvania license/certification • Submit a complete application to the Department • Be approved by the Department for participation
For More Information & To Apply	<p>Applications may only be submitted via a web-based application in response to a competitive Request for Applications (RFA.) Applicants must be employed at sites approved by the LRP Program to be eligible. Consideration for awards will include community need for primary care providers, Pa. residency, graduation from Pa. educational institutions and experience of practice in underserved areas. To be notified when an RFA is announced, e-mail: LoanRepayment@pa.gov.</p> <p>Primary Care Loan Repayment Program Pennsylvania Department of Health Bureau of Health Planning (717) 772-5298 E-mail: LoanRepayment@pa.gov Website: www.health.state.pa.us/pco</p>