

MONTANA STATE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM (SLRP)

PURPOSE:

The Montana State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) provides loan repayment assistance to healthcare professionals who provide outpatient healthcare services in designated Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) at an approved National Health Service Corps (NHSC) site.

ISSUE:

Montana has a critical shortage of healthcare providers who can address the needs of our residents.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

By participating in Montana's State Loan Repayment Program, you will have the opportunity to provide healthcare services to Montana's under-served communities while receiving loan repayment towards your student loan debt.

ELIGIBLE HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS:

US Citizen (US born or National)

- Physician in the field of:
 - o Family Medicine
 - o Internal Medicine
 - o OB/GYN
 - o Pediatrics
 - o Psychiatry
- Registered Nurse
- Dentist
- Dental Hygienist
- Pharmacist
- Advanced Practice Provider:
 - o Physician Assistant
 - o Nurse Practitioner
 - o Certified Nurse Midwife
- Behavioral/Mental Health Provider:
 - o Clinical Psychologist
 - o Psychiatric Nurse Specialist
 - o Clinical Social Worker
 - o Licensed Professional Counselor
 - o Marriage and Family Therapist
 - o Psychiatrist

ELIGIBLE SERVICE SITES (Approved NHSC Sites)

- Public or private non-profit facilities or rural private practice sites in a HPSA.
- Accept Medicaid, Medicare, and qualifying health insurance plans
- Implement a Sliding Fee Scale

- Montana State Loan Repayment Program focuses on increasing access to healthcare services in rural and frontier areas.

- Eligible healthcare providers can receive awards up to \$15,000 per year in return for a 2 year commitment while practicing at an approved NHSC site.

- Montana State Loan Repayment Program is funded through a federal grant that requires a \$1 to \$1 match with non-federal dollars.

- NHSC approved sites who provide \$1 to \$1 match can award up to \$25,000 per year for a 2 year commitment from the eligible healthcare providers.

- Providing match dollars for loans deepens the relationship between the staff and the community – reinvesting directly back to your local community!

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/primarycare/slrp.aspx>

