

Georgia Board of Healthcare Workforce Loan Repayment Programs Summary

The Georgia Board of Healthcare Workforce offers loan repayment programs for various healthcare professionals, including physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners (NPs), and physician assistants (PAs). These programs aim to incentivize healthcare providers to work in underserved areas of the state. Here is a summary of the loan repayment programs for each profession:

1. Physician Loan Repayment Programs:

- Physician for Rural Areas: (PRAA): Designed for physicians practicing in counties with populations of less than 50,000, this program offers up to \$100,000 in loan repayment over four years but must reapply annually. Physicians from all specialties are eligible, with priority given to areas with the greatest need for primary care services.

2. Dentist Loan Repayment Program:

- Dentist Loan Repayment Program (DLRP): This program provides up to \$100,000 in loan repayment in loan repayment over four years but must reapply annually for dentists practicing in counties with populations of less than 50,000. Dentists must commit to serving in designated underserved areas and prioritizing Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids patients.

3. Nurse Practitioner Loan Repayment Program:

- Nurse Practitioner Loan Repayment Program (NPLRP): NPs who work in counties with populations of less than 50,000 are eligible for up to \$40,000 in loan repayment over four years in loan repayment but must reapply annually. The program aims to increase access to primary care services in underserved areas.

4. Physician Assistant Loan Repayment Program:

- Physician Assistant Loan Repayment Program (PALRP): PAs who work in counties with populations of less than 50,000 are eligible for up to \$40,000 in loan repayment over four years in loan repayment but must reapply annually. The program seeks to address the shortage of PAs in underserved areas and improve access to care.

Each loan repayment program requires participants to commit to a specific period of service in designated underserved areas. The application process involves submitting necessary documentation such as proof of educational debt, employment verification, and license verification.

These loan repayment programs offered by the Georgia Board of Healthcare Workforce play a crucial role in attracting and retaining healthcare professionals in underserved areas, addressing healthcare disparities, and improving access to care for Georgia residents across various healthcare disciplines.

See attached report which is our most recent loan programs report.

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