Thank you for joining today’s webinar. We will begin promptly at 1:00 pm Central.

Expanded Eligibility Allows More Rural Clinicians to Qualify for Loan Repayment

Your First STOP for Rural Health INFORMATION

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Housekeeping

- Slides are available at [www.ruralhealthinfo.org/webinars/nhsc-expanded-eligibility](http://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/webinars/nhsc-expanded-eligibility)

- Technical difficulties please visit the Zoom Help Center at [support.zoom.us](http://support.zoom.us)

If you have questions...
Featured Speakers

Tom Morris, Associate Administrator for Rural Health, Health Resources and Services Administration

Mike Shimmens, Executive Director, 3RNET

Malissa Lewis, LL.M Chief, Loan Repayment Branch, Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Programs
FY 2022 Opportunities

January 13, 2022
Malissa Lewis | Chief, Loan Repayment Branch
Division of National Health Service Corps (DNHSC)
Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW)
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
Agenda

1: Bureau of Health Workforce

2: National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Programs
   • Original Loan Repayment Program
   • Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program
   • Rural Community Loan Repayment Program
   • Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Loan Repayment Program

3: Important Reminders

Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW)

• BHW improves the health of underserved populations by strengthening the health workforce and connecting skilled professionals to communities in need.

• We approach our grant awards, loan repayment, and scholarship programs as a continuum of education, training and service.

• Following this approach, we work to create a well-distributed and robust workforce supply of diverse, culturally competent health professionals who provide quality health care in high-need areas of the U.S. and its territories.

• Specifically, our scholarship and loan repayment programs help underserved communities recruit and retain primary health care providers.

28% of BHW funding supports the NHSC and other programs that improve the distribution of health professionals to underserved areas.
The National Health Service Corps (NHSC)

Builds healthy communities by supporting qualified clinicians working in areas of the U.S. with limited access to care.

✓ Just under 20,000 NHSC clinicians care for 21 million Americans
✓ About 60% NHSC clinicians serve in HRSA-funded health centers
✓ Almost 1 in 3 NHSC clinicians provide care in rural communities

LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS
NHSC Loan Repayment Programs

You can only apply to one program!

**NHSC LRP**
- Recruit and retain medical, dental, and mental/behavioral health clinicians in underserved areas.

**NHSC SUD Workforce LRP**
- Recruit and retain medical, nursing, and behavioral/mental health clinicians to provide evidence-based SUD treatment and counseling in underserved areas.

**NHSC Rural Community LRP**
- Recruit and retain medical, nursing, and behavioral/mental health clinicians to provide evidence-based SUD treatment and counseling in rural, underserved areas.

Loan Repayment Programs Funding

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General Eligibility Requirements

Eligibility

- U.S. citizen or national
- Currently work, or apply to work, at an NHSC-approved site
- Have unpaid government or commercial loans for school tuition, reasonable educational costs, and reasonable living expenses, segregated from all other debts
- Licensed to practice in state where employer site is located

Must be licensed in an eligible discipline:

- Physician (MD or DO)
- Nurse practitioner (primary care)
- Certified nurse-midwife
- Physician assistant
- Dentist (general or pediatric)
- Registered dental hygienist
- Psychologist (health service)
- Licensed clinical social worker
- Psychiatrist
- Marriage and family therapist
- Licensed professional counselor
- Registered nurse
- Pharmacist
- Substance use disorder counselor
- Nurse anesthetist

ORIGINAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM
Loan Repayment Program

UP TO

$50,000
FOR 2 YEARS OF SERVICE

Offers fully trained primary care clinicians loan repayment in exchange for service in an area of greatest need, called a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA).

With continued service, providers may be able to pay off all their student loans.

Applicants working at NHSC-approved sites with higher HPSA scores are given priority.

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER WORKFORCE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM (SUD LRP)
Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program

Expands and improves access to quality opioid and substance use disorder treatment in underserved areas nationwide

Awards up to $75,000 for a 3-year service commitment

• Must be trained and licensed to provide SUD treatment at NHSC-approved SUD treatment facilities

RURAL COMMUNITY LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM (RURAL LRP)
Rural Community Loan Repayment Program

Expands and improves access to quality opioid and substance use disorder treatment in rural areas.

AWARDS UP TO $100,000 FOR 3-YEAR SERVICE COMMITMENT

- Must be trained and licensed to provide SUD treatment at NHSC-approved rural SUD treatment facilities

Compare our NHSC LRPs

WHICH ONE IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

**NHSC Loan Repayment Program**
- NHSC SUD Workforce Loan Repayment Program
- NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program
- Physicians (DO, MD) • Nurse Practitioners (NP) • Physician Assistants (PA) • Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM)
- Health Service Psychologists (HSP) • Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW) • Psychiatric Nurse Specialists (PNS)
- Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT) • Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC)
- Dentists (DDS/DMD) • Dental Hygienists (RDH)
- Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Counselors
- Pharmacists (PhARM)
- Registered Nurses (RN)
- Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Counselors
- Pharmacists (PhARM)
- Registered Nurses (RN)
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA)
- Award Amount: $50K/full-time, $25K/part-time
- Award Amount: $75K/full-time, $37.5K/part-time
- Award Amount: $100K/full-time, $50K/part-time
- Service Commitment: 2 years
- Service Commitment: 3 years
- NHC Health Care Site: Any NHSC-approved site
- NHC Health Care Site: Any NHSC-approved SUD site
- NHC Health Care Site: Any rural, NHSC-approved SUD site

NHSC.HRSA.GOV/LOAN-REPAYMENT
Submit the application and required documents by Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. ET.

- All required documents must be uploaded and legible.
- Make sure your loan information includes your name, account number, loan balance, and interest rate.
- Coordinate with your site POC to ensure they complete the required employment verification. You may not submit your application until this step is complete.
- Unlock or unfreeze your credit reports.

NHSC Loan Repayment Programs Application:
Apply now through February 3, 2022, 7:30 p.m. ET

Online Q & A Sessions: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- Friday, January 14, 2022
- Tuesday, January 18, 2022
- Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Login anytime to ask questions! NHSC staff members will be standing by to assist.
Chat with staff about the application process, eligibility requirements, and information on choosing the best program from the three options.
Support & Resources – Contact Us

• Malissa Lewis, Chief
• Loan Repayment Program
• Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW)
• Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
• Phone: 1-800-221-9393 (Customer Care Center); M-F, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET, except federal holidays

Web: http://nhsc.hrsa.gov
Virtual Job Fair: http://jobfair.hrsa.gov
Health Workforce Connector: http://connector.hrsa.gov/

Facebook: http://facebook.com/nationalhealthservicecorps
Twitter: http://twitter.com/NHSCorps
LinkedIn: http://www.linkedin.com/company/national-health-service-corps

Questions?
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Thank you!

• Contact us at ruralhealthinfo.org with any questions

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