

The Kentucky State Loan Repayment Program (KSLRP) is a 50/50 matching program that increases availability of primary health care services through repayment of education loans to eligible health professionals practicing in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs).

Eligibility Requirements for a Sponsoring Healthcare Organization (Employer)

- Must be public or nonprofit private entity
- Must provide direct care services in a health professions shortage area (HPSA)
- Must not discriminate in care to Medicaid and Medicare beneficiaries and to those unable to pay for health care
- Must match on a dollar for dollar basis loan repayment to the provider in exchange for the federal loan repayment match.

Eligibility Requirements for Healthcare Provider (Applicant)

- Must be employed by an eligible healthcare organization
- Must hold an unencumbered Kentucky license or be certified to practice his/her profession
- Must perform clinical practice as a primary care provider. **Note: changes have been made regarding full time/part time service and will be updated as soon as possible.**
- Must sign a contract to practice in an eligible Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA).
- Must have no prior, unfulfilled practice obligations with any federal, state or other entity
- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must not discriminate in providing health care services to Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries and those unable to pay for health care
- Must complete service at an approved site which is determined by Kentucky Office of Rural Health.

Eligible Disciplines: Health Care Professionals that can apply to the Kentucky State Loan Repayment Program are listed below:

Primary Care Physicians include:

- Family Medicine and Osteopathic General Practice
- General Internal Medicine including Geriatrics
- General Pediatrics
- Obstetrics/Gynecology
- Geriatrics and General Psychiatry

Primary Care Providers include:

- Dentists & Dental Hygienists
- Certified Nurse Midwives
- Nurse Practitioners
- Physician Assistants

- Clinical Psychologists
- Clinical Social Workers
- Psychiatric Nurse Specialists
- Mental Health Counselors
- Marriage and Family Therapists

Application Deadline

Applications are accepted until funds are exhausted. Loan repayment awards will be available contingent on Federal funding for each fiscal year. Eligible applicants will be considered on first come, first serve basis.

(Notice)

There have been changes made by the National Health Service Corp and the Kentucky State Loan Repayment has options to adopt these change into our program. The new information of loan repayment, years of service and etc. will be posted to our website as soon as possible.

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