**Program Description**

The State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) is a health provider based program. The program offers educational loan repayment grants to primary care providers throughout the state working in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs).

**Eligible Professionals**

The eligible providers are:
- Physician (Family Practice)
- Physician (Obstetrics/Gynecology)
- Physician (Internal Medicine)
- Physician (Pediatrics)
- Dentist
- Advanced Practice Nurse
- Physicians Assistant
- Psychiatrist
- Certified Nurse Midwife

**Service Commitment**

**Full-Time Employment**
- Minimum initial 2-year commitment
- Additional 1-year awards for each additional year of service

**Half-time employment**
- Minimum initial 4-year commitment
- Additional 2-year awards for every 2 years service

**Benefits**

Loan repayment assistance for qualified educational debt. The grant funds awarded are non-taxable by the State of Illinois. Grants funds paid by the facility cannot be used as a salary offset.

**Application Requirements**

- Be licensed in Illinois as a primary care physician (residency trained or board eligible osteopathic or allopathic physician trained in family practice, general internal medicine, general pediatrics, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology; nurse practitioner, physician assistant, certified nurse midwife; dentist or psychiatrist), or expect to be licensed in Illinois and who is willing to practice at public or nonprofit, private entities providing primary healthcare services in a federally designated HPSA in Illinois;
- Sign a contract with the Illinois Department of Public Health guaranteeing their minimum commitment of two years of service in a HPSA;
- Be indebted to a governmental or commercial lending institution for educational expenses incurred in pursuit of the applicant’s degrees or diploma; and
- Be a U.S. citizen.