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**STATE OF ILLINOIS**



# State Loan Repayment Program

<b>Program Description</b>	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)
<b>Eligible Professionals</b>	<b>The eligible providers are:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Physician (Family Practice)</li><li>• Physician (Obstetrics/Gynecology)</li><li>• Physician (Internal Medicine)</li><li>• Physician (Pediatrics)</li><li>• Dentist</li><li>• Advanced Practice Nurse</li><li>• Physicians Assistant</li><li>• Psychiatrist</li><li>• Certified Nurse Midwife</li></ul>
<b>Service Commitment</b>	<b>Full-Time Employment</b> Minimum initial 2-year commitment Additional 1-year awards for each additional year of service <b>Half-time employment</b> Minimum initial 4-year commitment Additional 2-year awards for every 2 years service
<b>Benefits</b>	Loan repayment assistance for qualified educational debt. The grant monies awarded are non-taxable by the State of Illinois. Grants monies paid by the facility cannot be used as a salary offset.
<b>Application Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be licensed in Illinois as a primary care physician (residency trained or board eligible osteopathic or allopathic physicians trained in family practice, general internal medicine, general pediatrics, internal medicine pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology; nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurse midwives; dentists or psychiatrists), 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;</li><li>• Sign a contract with the Illinois Department of Public Health guaranteeing their minimum commitment of two years of service in a HPSA;</li><li>• Be indebted to a governmental or commercial lending institution for educational expenses incurred in pursuit of the applicant's degrees or diploma; and</li><li>• Be a U.S. citizen.</li></ul>