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# Loan Repayment Opportunities



- Physicians (primary care & psychiatry)
- Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners
- Physician Assistants
- Certified Nurse Midwives
- General & Pediatric Dentists
- Dental Hygienists
- Public Health Dental Hygienists
- Psychologists
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Licensed Professional Counselors
- Marriage & Family Therapists

# Who Qualifies?



Must be licensed



Must be working at an approved site  
in an underserved community



That site must provide care  
regardless of a person's ability to pay



Must agree to work for a period of 2  
years

# Loan Repayment Benefits

Physicians,  
Dentists &  
Psychologists:

Up to  
**\$80,000**  
over two  
years

Other  
Practitioners:

Up to  
**\$48,000**  
over two  
years

# ▶ HPSA Scores

- Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) – 3 categories
  - ▣ Primary Care
  - ▣ Dental
  - ▣ Mental Health

# ▶ HPSA Scores

- Types of HPSAs
  - ▣ Geographic areas
  - ▣ Populations within geographic areas
  - ▣ Specific organization

# ▶ HPSA Scores

- Factors affecting HPSA scores
  - ▣ Population to provider ratio
  - ▣ Socio-economic and demographic data
  - ▣ Health indicators
  - ▣ Travel times to the nearest available provider

# Sources of data

- Licensure surveys
- Medicaid claims
- Census and other federal sources

# Designation Criteria

| • Primary Care   | • Mental Health   | • Dental   |
|--|---|--|
| Includes Doctors of Medicine and Doctors of Osteopathy   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In Pennsylvania, only Psychiatrists are counted</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• General Dentists</li><li>• Pediatric Dentists</li><li>• Dental Auxiliaries</li></ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Family Practice</li><li>• Internal Medicine</li><li>• Obstetrics/Gynecology</li><li>• Pediatrics</li></ul> <p>CRNPs, PAs and Medical Assistants are not counted.</p> |   | <p>Dental Auxiliaries are non-dental staff who assist the dentist with patients.</p>   |

# Designation Criteria

|            | Primary Care | Mental Health                 | Dental  |
|------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Geographic | 3,500:1      | 30,000:1 (Psychiatrists Only) | 5,000:1 |
| Population | 3,000:1      | 20,000:1 (Psychiatrists Only) | 4,000:1 |

▶ Want to know more?

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