

Pennsylvania Department of Health

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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">• In Pennsylvania, only Psychiatrists are counted	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Dentists• Pediatric Dentists• Dental Auxiliaries
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family Practice• Internal Medicine• Obstetrics/Gynecology• Pediatrics <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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