Individuals and health care organizations are eligible to apply.

New primary care providers in an ambulatory or outpatient setting who have completed graduate education within six months of the application for a Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program (HCPLRP) grant are eligible to apply. Advanced-degree practitioners must have completed a residency program. Hospitals, private practices, and health care organizations in underserved areas who accept Medicare and Medicaid may also apply on behalf of qualifying employees, if the organization agrees to match the grants dollar for dollar.

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PRIORITY CONSIDERATION

will be given to students participating in the Delaware Institute of Medical Education and Research (DIMER) program as well as participants in Delaware-based residency programs.

Scan the QR code for more information about the HCPLRP and to apply.

dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dhcc/loanrepaymentnew.html

DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT FOR ADVANCED PRIMARY CARE PROFESSIONALS

UP TO $50,000 PER YEAR

PROVIDER LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

New primary care providers in Delaware are eligible for substantial educational loan repayment.

A program recently created in Delaware offers medical education debt relief for new primary care providers who agree to practice in underserved areas of the state, committing to an initial contract term of two years. The Delaware Health Care Commission (DHCC) is responsible for the administration of the program and may award education loan repayment grants to new primary care providers, up to $50,000 per year for a maximum of four years.

Eligible degrees include:

Doctor of Medicine (MD)

Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO)

Nurse Practitioner (NP)

Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM)

Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)

Physician Assistant (PA)

Specialties most encouraged to apply include:

Adult Medicine

Family Medicine (including osteopathic general practice)

Pediatrics

Psychiatry/Mental Health

Geriatrics

Women's Health (obstetrics and gynecology)

Understanding the terms of commitment.

FULL-TIME COMMITMENT IS CONSIDERED TO BE:

- **40 hours per week,** which is mandatory for full-time health care professionals
- A minimum of **45 weeks,** which constitutes a full year of service — prior approval needed

Compressed schedules are limited to four days per week, with no more than 12 hours of work in any 24-hour period. Travel or on-call time is not included in the required work hours.

PART-TIME COMMITMENT IS CONSIDERED TO BE:

- **20 to 39 hours per week,** which is mandatory for part-time health professionals
- A minimum of 20 hours per week, prorated to full time at 40 hours per week

Typical practice sites.

Although the entire state of Delaware has been designated an area of need, the practice sites you most typically would be assigned to are ambulatory and outpatient sites in an underserved area of need, including:

1. **Hospital primary care practice**
2. **Private practice**
3. **Federally Qualified Health Center**
4. **Community outpatient facilities**
5. **Community mental health facilities**
6. **Free medical clinics**

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Health care providers serving in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) designation of 13+ and/or serving at a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) will receive additional points in the weighted scoring.

The application process.

There is only one application process — in three parts — for both the HCPLRP and the State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP):

PART A — **Employer Application** (submitted by email)

PART B — **Health Care Practitioner Application** (submitted by email)

PART C — **Loan Information and Verification** (submitted by mail, email, or fax)

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, with a six-week review/award period. **Please visit the website, dhss.delaware.gov/dhcc/loanrepaymentnew.html, for the latest application deadlines and cohort start dates.**