



Provider Bulletin

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Wyoming Department of Health Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services Division

Information Only

NHSC: Expanded Availability of Loan Repayment Awards

Please see the attached information regarding the expanded availability of loan repayment awards.

Eligible Professions:

- Allopathic (MD) or Osteopathic (DO) Physician [+]
- Primary Care Nurse Practitioner [+]
- Certified Nurse-Midwife [+]
- Primary Care Physician Assistant [+]
- Dentist [+]
- Dental Hygienist [+]
- Health Service Psychologist [+]
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker [+]
- Psychiatric Nurse Specialist [+]
- Marriage and Family Therapist [+]
- Licensed Professional Counselor [+]

If you have any questions or need assistance completing the application process, please contact Jeff Hopkins, Healthcare Recruitment and Workforce Specialist, Rural and Frontier Health Division, at (307) 777-2930 or via e-mail at Jeff.Hopkins@health.wyo.gov. The Rural and Frontier Health Division also has a webpage that has seven Loan Repayment Programs linked. You may access the webpage by visiting http://www.health.wyo.gov/rfhd/rural/Workforce_Development.html.



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Thank you for your courtesies.

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Important Information from the NHSC

Expanded Availability of Loan Repayment Awards

There has never been a better time to recruit and retain clinicians through the National Health Service Corps (NHSC). Clinicians working in NHSC-approved sites with HPSA scores as low as zero have greater opportunities and access to funding than ever before in the history of the program. Visit www.nhsc.hrsa.gov for more details and for an online application.

More than \$175 million in American Reinvestment and Recovery Act and FY2010 funds is providing unprecedented opportunities for the NHSC and approved sites to expand the number of participating clinicians. As many as 4,000 new NHSC clinicians are going to be placed in underserved communities by September 2010 and your site can take advantage of this opportunity immediately.

Submit a vacancy for a specific clinician, by calling the NHSC's Recruitment Training and Support Center (RTSC) at 1-877-313-1823.

Up to \$145,000 is available in loan repayment for qualifying clinicians choosing a five year commitment to the NHSC. Shorter two year service awards for \$50,000 are also available. More than 80% of NHSC clinicians continue to work in underserved communities beyond their initial commitment, and 70% are still on the job five years later. Encourage your clinicians to apply today using the simplified online application at www.nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment. Applications are being accepted **NOW** through July 29, 2010.

Sites, applicants, clinicians and other partner organizations can access newly created tools including an updated NHSC Web site, YouTube, Facebook, and NHSC Blog to help create a greater sense of community for the NHSC.

Ideas for Sharing Information about the NHSC

- Put the NHSC on the agenda for your next staff meeting.
- Send out an office wide email with links to our Web site, YouTube videos, and other online tools.
- Post information on bulletin boards throughout your site.
- Contact local NHSC Ambassadors to create strategies for recruitment. Access the Ambassador Directory: www.nhsc.hrsa.gov/ambassadors/directory.asp

- Is there a current NHSC Loan Repayor at your site about to complete their obligation? Encourage them to apply for an additional year of loan repayment.
- Identify an early careerist who may not know about the NHSC. Have a one-on-one meeting with them.
- Identify mid-careerists who may still have student loans and be interested in NHSC.
- Join our online communities.