

State of Ohio State Loan Repayment Programs



Program Description	The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) State Loan Repayment Programs offer loan repayment to primary care, mental health, and dental providers working in federally designated health professional shortage areas (HPSAs) or state designated health resource shortage areas. Loan repayment is offered through the Ohio Physician Loan Repayment Program, the Ohio Dentist Loan Repayment Program and the Ohio Dental Hygienist Loan Repayment Program.
Eligible Disciplines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physicians (family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, pediatrics, adolescent medicine, geriatrics, and psychiatry [general, child/adolescent, geriatric]). Dentists (general and pediatric dentists). Registered dental hygienists.
Site Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accept Medicaid. Accept assignment for Medicare (physicians only). Accommodate all patients regardless of their ability to pay.
Service Commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum two-year service commitment. Optional third and fourth year service commitments (single year commitments). Full-time (40 hours per week) or part-time (20-39 hours per week) options.
Financial Benefits	<p>Loan repayment assistance for qualified education debt.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to \$50,000 (full-time) or \$25,000 (part-time) for initial two-year contract. Up to \$35,000 (full-time) or \$17,500 (part-time) for additional third and fourth year commitment.
Tax Liability	Not taxable.
Application Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. citizen (U.S. born or naturalized), U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident. Currently working or accepted to work at an eligible site that is located in a federally designated HPSA or a state designated health resource shortage area. Unpaid government or commercial loans for school tuition, reasonable education expenses, and reasonable living expenses, segregated from all other debts (not consolidated with other non-qualifying debt).
Website	<p>For more information visit: https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/primary-care-office/workforce-programs.</p>
How to Apply	<p>Application packets will be available on the ODH website when the next application cycle begins. For more information about the loan repayment programs or eligible practice sites, contact the Primary Care Office at 614-644-8508, or via email at PCRH@odh.ohio.gov.</p>