

State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)

Program Description	The SLRP, a competitive federal grant program, allocates funds to states to award funding for educational loan repayment. Missouri (MO) SLRP awards funding for the repayment of eligible educational loans to qualified Missouri primary care providers in exchange for providing primary care services in a Missouri Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA).
Eligible Disciplines	<p>MO Licensed Primary Care Physician, General Dentist, or Psychiatrist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctor of Allopathic Medicine (M.D.) or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Obstetrician/Gynecologist (OB/GYN) ○ Pediatric ○ General or Family Practice ○ Internal Medicine ○ Psychiatrist • Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) • Doctor of Medicine in Dentistry or Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD)
Service Commitment (Obligation)	SLRP recipients earn forgiveness on their loan award through a 2-year service obligation, which is based on full-time qualifying employment.
Qualifying Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Obligation: Providing Direct Patient Care in MO HPSA. • Full-Time Employment: 40 hours per week. • Direct Patient Care: 32 hours per week. <p>Eligible Sites Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federally-Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) • FQHC Look-Alikes • Other Public and Non-Profit Outpatient Clinics • Free Clinics • Rural Health Clinics (RHC) • Private Practice (Solo or Group) • School-Based Clinics • Local Public Health Agency (LPHA) • State and County Health Departments <p>Sites must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See patients regardless of their ability to pay. • Accept Medicaid and Medicare beneficiaries. • Offer a sliding fee discount schedule or scale based on income and family size. • Provide services regardless of a patient's ability to pay.
Financial Benefits	<p>Loan repayment assistance for qualified educational debt.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to \$50,000 for eligible Primary Care Physicians, Dentists and Psychiatrists.
Tax Liability	Not taxable
Application Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. citizen (U.S. born or naturalized) or U.S. national. • Missouri Resident. • Licensed to practice in Missouri. • Have qualifying educational debt. • Willing to serve in a Missouri HPSA. • Cannot be under a current conflicting service obligation with the exception of service in the National Guard or military reserve.
Website	<p>https://health.mo.gov/living/families/primarycare/loanrepayment/slrp.php</p> 