



# Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program



Loan repayment assistance is one of several incentives provided in the state's Health Enterprise Zone Initiative to help attract new practitioners to underserved areas. Championed by Lt. Governor Brown, Health Enterprise Zones provide access to a range of incentives, benefits, and resources to address unacceptable and persistent health disparities.

## **What is the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program (MLARP)?**

**MLARP** offers primary care physicians an opportunity to practice their profession in a community that lacks adequate health care services while also receiving funds to pay their educational loans. An eligible practice site is a clinic that is **public or non-profit (501C3)**, that treats all persons regardless of ability to pay, and that is located in a geographic area of the State that has been federally designated.

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### **Who is Eligible?**

#### **Eligible primary care physicians include:**

Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and General Psychiatry

## **What are the eligibility requirements?**

- ◆ United States citizen or U.S. National;
- ◆ Medical degree and valid unrestricted license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland;
- ◆ Full-time employment at eligible practice site;
- ◆ No existing or un-served obligation for any other loan repayment program;
- ◆ Existing higher education loan debt in good standing;
- ◆ Other requirements as outlined in the eligibility criteria.

## **What is the Award Amount and Obligation Period?**

Up to **\$25,000** per year for a **two-year** commitment

### **Application cycle is open now.**

#### **Go to following website to learn more and apply:**

<http://phpa.dhmf.maryland.gov/ohpp/SitePages/pco-larp.aspx>

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### **Other Workforce Programs available to expand health provider workforce are:**

**National Health Service Corp-**

<http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/>

and

**J-1 Visa Waiver Program-**

<http://fha.dhmf.maryland.gov/ohpp/SitePages/pco-j1visa.aspx>

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