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MARYLAND LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS NOW EXPANDED

BALTIMORE, March 6, 2023 – The Maryland Loan Repayment Programs ([MLRP](#)) have been expanded which will now benefit more physicians. Thanks to broadened legislative authority and greater state and federal resources, the 2023 MLRP application cycle is open and will accept applications from an expanded pool of health care professionals, including full and part-time physicians, physician assistants, nurses, and nursing support staff. In exchange for service obligations, providers and support staff can earn loan repayment awards from \$5,000 to \$100,000, depending on licensure.

This expansion creates a bigger opportunity for Maryland physicians, and now includes physicians employed by a for-profit system. Health care professionals participating in MLRP must fulfill their service obligation at an eligible practice site that is geographically located in Maryland. To be eligible, practice sites can be non-profit (inclusive of governmental entities) or for-profit, and must meet the following criteria:

- Charge for professional services at customary prevailing rates, except for free clinics.
- Accept Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children’s Health Insurance Program, as appropriate to the patient population.
- Provide discounts for individuals with limited incomes, in other words, use a sliding fee scale.
 - For those with annual incomes at or below 100 percent of the HHS Poverty Guidelines, provide services at no charge or at a nominal charge.
 - For individuals between 100 and 200 percent of the U.S. Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines, provide a schedule of discounts, which must reflect a nominal charge covered by a third party (either public or private).
- Attend to all patients regardless of their ability to pay.
- Agree to and participate in reporting on behalf of any awarded MLRP participant, including:
 - Verification of on-going employment;
 - Aggregate de-identified data regarding patient population served by the practice site and participant; and
 - Health care quality outcomes priorities and progress.
- Agree to and complete an organizational assessment tool to evaluate organization’s current integration of National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services in Health Care (CLAS), issued by HHS.

To find out more, including information about eligibility specifics and to access application materials, visit the program's [web site](#).

Applications will be accepted March 1 - April 15, 2023 for service obligations to begin July 1, 2023. Areas of eligibility for healthcare workers can be found [here](#).

About MedChi

MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, is a non-profit membership association of Maryland physicians. It is the largest physician organization in Maryland. The mission of MedChi is to serve as Maryland's foremost advocate and resource for physicians, their patients and the public health of Maryland. For more information, please visit www.medchi.org.