

1) Ohio Physician Loan Repayment Program (OPLRP)

Website: http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/chss/pcrh_programs/recruitment/slrp.aspx

Eligibility:

The following primary care specialties are eligible:

- Family Practice
- General Internal Medicine
- Internal Medicine/Pediatrics
- General Pediatrics
- Adolescent Medicine
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Geriatrics
- Psychiatry (General, Child and Adolescent, Geriatric)

Ohio Physician Loan Repayment Program applicants must either be in current practice or in the final year of training at the time of application.

Service Requirement: In exchange for loan repayment assistance, the physicians commit to a minimum of two years of practice at an eligible site in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) or Health Resource Shortage Area, accept Medicare and Medicaid, and otherwise see patients regardless of ability to pay.

Who can Apply: Must be US citizen. One must be willing to practice full-time at a public or non-profit entity in Ohio.

Repayment/Scholarship terms: Does not need to be repaid

Amount of Repayment per Year of Service: For the first two-year contract, selected applicants may receive up to \$25,000 annually for repayment of outstanding medical school debt. Those who remain at their practice sites and otherwise maintain eligibility may be eligible to receive up to \$35,000 annually for the third and fourth years.

Additional Information: Program under Primary Care Office within the Primary Care and Rural Health Section at the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). Physicians must work full time, defined as 40 hours per week, at an approved practice site. Sites must be located in a HPSA or Health Resource Shortage Area. Services must be provided to all patients, regardless of ability to pay. In addition, sites are required to:

- Accept Medicaid
- Accept assignment for Medicare
- Post appropriate signage indicating care is available to all

2) Ohio Dental Loan Repayment Program (ODLRP)

Website: <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/ohs/oral/safetynet/loanpgm.aspx>

Eligibility: General and pediatric dentists working in underserved areas are eligible to apply for repayment of school loans related to their professional training.

Eligible candidates include:

- dental students enrolled in the final year of dental school;
- dental residents in the final year of pediatric or general practice residency or in advanced education in general dentistry programs; and
- general and pediatric dentists.

Service Requirement: To qualify for loan repayment, dentists must provide services in underserved areas for a minimum of 40 hours per week. Also, services must be provided for Medicaid-eligible persons and others without regard to a patient's inability to pay. Dentists are paid a salary in addition to the loan repayment they receive.

Who can Apply: Must be US citizen. One must be willing to practice full-time at a public or non-profit entity in Ohio.

Amount of Repayment per Year of Service: Up to \$25,000 per year first 2 years, up to \$35,000 per year for 3rd and 4th years, tax exempt. 2 year initial contract with 1 year renewal.

Additional Information: Applicants who currently have an obligation for service with the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholar or Loan Repayment Program, the

ODLRP, DWLRP or other entity are not eligible to participate *unless* that service obligation will be completely satisfied prior to signing the ODLRP contract.

More Info on ODLRP

http://www.odh.ohio.gov/~media/ODH/ASSETS/Files/ohs/oral%20health/2014%20ODLRP%20Fact%20Sheet%20Update%2010_1_13.ashx

Comparing ODLRP to National Health Service Corps federal loan repayment program

http://www.odh.ohio.gov/~media/ODH/ASSETS/Files/ohs/oral%20health/Comparison%20Table%20ODLRP%20NHSC%2010_01_13.ashx