

# 1. South Dakota Recruitment Assistance Program

**Website:** <http://doh.sd.gov/providers/ruralhealth/recruitment-assistance-healthcare-professionals/rap.aspx>

**Eligibility:** Physicians (must have completed an accredited residency program in family practice, pediatrics, internal medicine, or obstetrics/gynecology), Dentists (general or pediatric), Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners or Nurse Midwives

**Service Requirements:** Must practice full-time in an eligible rural community in South Dakota for at least 3 consecutive years

- Eligible communities will have a population of 10,000 or less, will have a need for health care providers, and will pay a pro-rated portion of the total amount of incentive payment (25, 50, or 75% depending on population size)

**Who Can Apply:** Individuals who are licensed in South Dakota in their specialty, will provide services to Medicaid, Medicare, and State Children's Health Insurance Program patients, and have not previously participated in any other state or federal scholarship, loan repayment, or tuition reimbursement program that required the person to provide medical services in an underserved area

**Repayment/Scholarship Terms:** Practitioners must enter into a contract with the South Dakota Department of Health in order to qualify

**Amount of Repayment Per Year of Service:** For a qualifying physician or dentist, the scholarship is approximately \$138,328 (equal to twice the University of South Dakota School of Medicine resident tuition for the four most recently completed academic years). For a qualifying physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or nurse, the scholarship is approximately \$31,345.80 (equal to twice the University of South Dakota resident tuition for physician assistant studies for the three most recently completed academic years).

**Additional Information:** N/A

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## **2. Rural Healthcare Facility Recruitment Assistance Program**

**Website:** <http://doh.sd.gov/providers/ruralhealth/recruitment-assistance-healthcare-professionals/facilityrecruitment.aspx>

**Eligibility:** Dietitian/Nutritionist, Nurse (LPN or RN), Occupational therapist, Respiratory therapist, laboratory therapist, Pharmacist, Physical therapist, Paramedic, Medical technologist, Radiologic technologist

**Service Requirements:** 3-year full-time service commitment in an eligible facility in a community with a population of less than 10,000 people

**Who Can Apply:** Licensed health professional in any of the eligible specialties

**Repayment/Scholarship Terms:** The health professional must enter into a three-way contract between the employing facility and the state

**Amount of Repayment Per Year of Service:** \$10,000 payment

**Additional Information:** N/A

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