

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**New Hampshire State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)  
2021 Annual Report**

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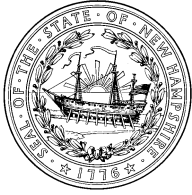
Program Summary

The Division of Public Health Services (DPHS), Rural Health & Primary Care Section (RHPC) administers the New Hampshire State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP). The program provides funds for educational loan repayment to health care professionals working in areas of the state designated as medically underserved. Medically underserved areas include Health Care Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs), Mental Health Professional Shortage Areas (MHPSAs), Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas (DHPSAs), Medically Underserved Areas/Populations (MUA/Ps), and Governor's Exceptional Medically Underserved Populations (E-MUP). These designations indicate that a shortage of primary healthcare providers exists, posing a barrier to access to primary health care services for the residents of these areas. Organizations/facilities funded by programs in the Department of Health and Human Services are also considered eligible sites. Health care providers participating in the SLRP agree to provide medical services to all patients regardless of their ability to pay. In addition, the health care provider and the practice site must offer a sliding-fee schedule based on current federal poverty guidelines, accept Medicaid, Medicare, and provide free care when medically necessary. The SLRP requests non-State matching funds for the loan repayment contract but does not require them. When there is adequate funding, SLRP participants are offered the opportunity to continue their service for an additional amount of loan repayment.

More information on repayment amounts, eligibility and provider types can be found at [State Loan Repayment Program](#)

Provider Licensure Acronyms:

MD/DO – Physician; Medical Doctor, Doctor of Osteopathy  
DMD/DDS – Dentist; Doctor of Dental Medicine, Doctor of Dental Surgery  
PA – Physician Assistant  
NP – Nurse Practitioner  
Psych NP - Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner  
PsyD – Doctor of Psychology  
LCMHC – Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor  
LICSW – Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker  
MFT – Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist  
MLADC/LADC – Licensed Alcohol & Drug Counselor (Masters and Bachelors level)  
RDH – Registered Dental Hygienist



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Program Participation (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021)

One hundred three (103) providers are currently serving under the SLRP.

New contracts – 93

Continuation contracts - 10

*Provider Types:*

**Primary Medical Care - 38**

MD/DO – 12

APRN – 23

PA – 3

**Behavioral Health - 58**

Psych NP – 11

Psychologist – 2

LICSW – 12

LCMHC – 20

MFT – 3

MLADC – 5

LADC – 2

Dual Licensure LICSW/MLADC - 3

**Oral Health - 7**

DMD – 4

RDH - 3

*Locations:*

Ammonoosuc Community Health Services – 1 APRN, 1 Psych NP, 1 LICSW, 1 RDH

Amoskeag Health Center – 1 DO, 1 MFT, 1 LICSW, 1 MLADC

Antrim Medical Group – 1 APRN

Center for New Beginnings – 1 Psychologist, 1 LCMHC

Community Partners – 1 LCMHC, 1 Psych NP

Concord Hospital Family Health Center – 1 LCMHC

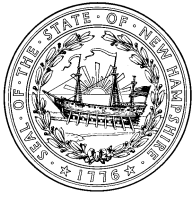
Coos County Family Health Services – 2 MD, 1 RDH, 1 DMD

Dental Health Works of Cheshire County – 1 RDH

Easter Seals – 1 DMD

Families in Transition – 2 LADC, 1 MLADC, 1 LICSW/MLADC

Greater Nashua Mental Health Center – 1 LCMHC, 1 LICSW



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Greater Seacoast Community Health – 1 DMD, 1 LICSW/MLADC  
Headrest – 1 MLADC  
Huggins Hospital – 1 DO, 1 APRN, 2 PA  
Keady Family Practice – 2 APRN  
Lakes Region Mental Health Center – 2 LCMHC, 2 Psych NPs  
Lamprey Healthcare – 1 MD, 3 APRN  
Littleton Regional Hospital – 1 DO, 2 APRN  
LRGHealthcare (Now Concord Hospital) – 1 MD, 5 APRN, 1 MLADC  
Memorial Hospital – 1 DO  
Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester – 3 Psych NP, 4 LCMHC, 2 LICSW  
Mid-State Health Center – 2 APRN, 1 DMD  
Monadnock Family Services – 1 LICSW, 1 LCMHC, 1 MLADC  
Monadnock Hospital – 1 APRN  
New London Hospital – 1 MD  
Newport Health Center – 1 LICSW  
Northern Human Services – 1 Psych NP, 1 LICSW, 1 LCHMC  
Plymouth OB/GYN – 1 MD  
Plymouth Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine – 2 DO, 2 APRN  
Riverbend Community Mental Health Center – 1 Psychologist, 2 Psych NP, 1 MFT, 2 LICSW, 6 LCMHC  
Saco River Medical group – 2 APRN, 1 PA  
Seacoast Mental Health Center – 1 Psych NP, 1 MFT, 1 LCMHC  
Valley Regional Hospital – 1 APRN  
Wentworth-Douglass – 1 LICSW/MLADC  
West Central Behavioral Health – 1 LCMHC, 2 LICSW

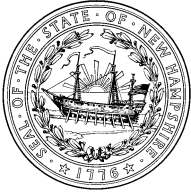
*Rurality:*

Rural – 57

Non-Rural – 46

Program Modifications

On January 7, 2020 the RHPC held a SLRP Summit to get stakeholder input on ways to expand SLRP to cover more provider types and/or site types. The Summit gave everyone a baseline understanding of the program and its purpose, brought together stakeholders with common goals, and resulted in new ideas for the program. A Dental SLRP Advisory group was formed to help create a private practice dentist pilot. The group met monthly to create a program structure and map of priority areas using Medicaid claims data.



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The Private Practice Dentist (SLRP-PPD) guidelines were for dentists who are:

- In private practice, located in a Medicaid-defined priority area, or serving patients in a Medicaid-defined priority area;
- Enrolled as a NH Medicaid provider;
- Providing dental services to a minimum of 15% Medicaid patients; and,
- Prepared to commit via state contract to three years for a total repayment of \$75,000.

The SLRP-PPD Pilot application cycle launched in May 2021. Applications were accepted from May 15, 2021 through June 15, 2021. One dentist was offered a contract to begin service on October 1, 2021.

In the new biennium budget, General Funds for SLRP are budgeted at \$766,783/SFY. Because of the stable funding amount, the previously delayed SLRP expansions to add primary care Registered Nurses (RNs) (at already eligible sites) and behavioral health providers at eligible sites who are under supervision to acquire their license began with the new program year on July 1, 2021.

Update Statement

The additional expansion of SLRP to hospitalists at Critical Access Hospitals, and licensed school psychologists who are enrolled as Medicaid providers and serve Medicaid-enrolled students was not implemented for the July 1, 2021 start of the program year. However, additional SLRP funding through the American Rescue Act funds that was approved by the Governor & Executive Council and the Joint Legislative Fiscal Committee in August 2021 has allowed those additional eligible types to be included as of September 2021.

Short-Term Recommendation(s)

None at this time.