



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

**New Hampshire State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)  
2018 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.

More information on repayment amounts, eligibility and provider types can be found at:

<http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/bchs/rhpc/repayment.htm>

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

- The wait list contained 26 applications received starting in December 2016
- All providers on the waitlist were offered contracts to begin October 2018
- 21 providers accepted contracts; of those
  - Seven (7) had matches (6 of them 50%)
  - Four (4) were part-time
  - Provider Types/Locations:
    - MD-1 (OB/GYN Plymouth)
    - DO-1 (Wolfeboro Family Medicine-Huggins)
    - PsyD-2 (Center for New Beginnings, Riverbend-Children's Intervention)
    - PA-1 (Wolfeboro Family Medicine-Huggins)
    - NP-5 (North Country Family Health-LRH, Belknap Fam Health-LRGH, LRGH, Plymouth Pediatric, Monadnock)
    - PsychNP-3 (Northern Human Services, MHCGM (2))
    - LICSW-2 (MHCGM, West Central Behavioral Health)
    - LCMHC-2 (Riverbend, Concord Hospital Family Health Center)
    - MFT-1 (Seacoast Mental Health Center)
    - MLADC-1 (Families in Transition)
    - RDH-2 (Dental Health Works of Cheshire County, Coos County Family Dental)

Anticipated Capacity

- \$605,350 total on G&C for SLRP budget
  - \$202,065 funds for SFY19
  - \$199,274 previous contracts
    - Five (5) current providers whose service ends 12/31 that have accepted extension contracts



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- The deadline for SLRP applications was 9/15; 25 applications are under review
  - New applicants would begin their contracts on 1/1/19
- The next deadline for SLRP applications is 12/15 for a 4/1/19 start date

Short-Term Recommendation(s)

Increase the amount of general funds committed to supporting the State Loan Repayment Program at a level that meets the demand under the current program guidelines.



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Ten-Year Overview of the State Loan Repayment Program

**Total Providers Funded = 145;**

**Breakdown:**

Physicians: 40

Dentists: 15

Psychiatrists: 4

Psych NPs: 5

NPs: 34

CNMs: 2

PAs: 14

LCMHCs: 12

LICSWs: 4

Psychologists: 3

MLADC/LADCs: 4

RDHs: 8

**Locations:**

Antrim, Berlin, Bristol, Claremont, Colebrook, Concord, Conway, Dover, Exeter, Franconia, Franklin, Groveton, Keene, Laconia, Littleton, Manchester, Meredith, Moultonborough, Nashua, Newmarket, Newport, North Conway, North Strafford, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Raymond, Rochester, Somersworth, Tamworth, Whitefield, Wolfeboro, Woodsville