

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

**New Hampshire State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)  
2024 Annual Report**

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Program Summary

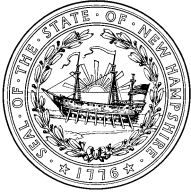
The Division of Public Health Services (DPHS), Rural Health & Primary Care Section (RHPC) administers the New Hampshire State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP). The program provides funds for educational loan repayment to health care professionals working in areas of the state designated as medically underserved. Medically underserved areas include Health 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 health care providers exists, posing a barrier to access 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. 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 loan repayment.

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

**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  
LMFT – Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist  
MLADC/LADC – Licensed Alcohol & Drug Counselor (Masters and Bachelors level)  
RDH – Registered Dental Hygienist  
RN – Primary Care Registered Nurse  
BHUS – Behavioral Health professional Under Supervision for licensure



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Program Participation (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024)

Providers currently serving under the SLRP - 111

New contracts – 103

Continuation contracts - 8

*Provider Types:*

**Primary Medical Care - 12**

MD/DO – 2

APRN – 8

PA – 1

RN - 1

**Behavioral Health - 94**

Psychiatrist - 1

Psych NP – 16

Psychologist – 0

LICSW – 11

LCMHC – 14

MFT – 1

MLADC – 3

LADC – 0

Behavioral Health under Supervision for licensure (BHUS) - 48

**Oral Health - 5**

DMD/DDS – 2

RDH - 2

PPD-DMD (SLRP-Private-Practice Dentists) - 1

*Locations:*

Ammonoosuc Community Health Services –1 APRN

Antrim Medical Group – 1 APRN

Barrington Health Center – 1 APRN

Center for Life Management – 1 LCMHC, 1 MLADC, 5 BHUS

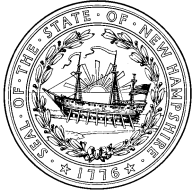
Concord Hospital Primary Care - Franklin – 1 PA

Conway Family Dental Care – 1 PPD-DMD

Coos County Family Health Services – 1 RDH

Dental Health Works of Cheshire County – 1 RDH

Doorway at Concord Hospital - Franklin – 1 MLADC



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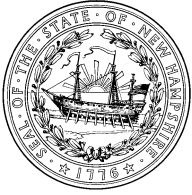
Greater Nashua Mental Health Center – 1 LCMHC, 4 BHUS  
Lakes Region Mental Health Center – 4 Psych NP, 1 LCMHC, 1 LICSW, 6 BHUS  
Lamprey Healthcare – 1 MD, 1 APRN  
Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester – 6 Psych NP, 2 LCMHC, 1 LICSW, 5 BHUS  
Mid-State Health Center – 2 DMD  
Monadnock Community Hospital – 1 MD (Gen. Surgeon)  
Monadnock Family Services – 1 MLADC, 1 BHUS  
Mt. Washington Valley Rural Health Center – 1 RN  
Newport Health Center – 1 APRN  
Northern Human Services – 1 LCHMC, 1 BHUS  
Riverbend Community Mental Health Center – 1 Psychiatrist, 3 Psych NP, 2 LICSW, 7 LCMHC, 16 BHUS  
Seacoast Mental Health Center – 2 Psych NP, 4 LICSW, 1 MFT, 8 BHUS  
Seacoast Youth Services – 2 BHUS  
Valley Regional Primary Care – 3 APRN, 1 PsychNP, 2 LICSW  
West Central Behavioral Health – 1 LCMHC, 1 LICSW

Rural Status

In July 2013, the NH DHHS, through the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services (BDAS) and Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) established a strategic partnership to align multiple regional and local public health partnerships into one integrated system. The Regional Public Health Networks (PHNs), a network of 13 NH regions, integrates multiple public health initiatives and services into a common network of community stakeholders for communities with comparable public health issues and priorities in order to improve health outcomes specific to these regions. In place of counties or other geographically defined areas, DPHS, including Rural Health and Primary Care (RHPC), uses these PHNs when reporting on geographic areas of the state. This ensures both consistency and use of NH-appropriate definitions. RHPC defines rurality for PHN using population and population density measures. RPHNs with a population of 100,000 or more and with a population density of 150 people per square mile or more are considered non-rural. RPHNs that don't meet these criteria are categorized as rural.

Rural – 36

Non-Rural – 75



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Program Modifications

A SLRP Summit was held in June, 2024 to solicit stakeholder feedback about the program. SLRP has used all its General Funds and has transitioned to using JUA funds for the last quarter contracts in SFY 2024. SLRP funding from the American Rescue Plan Act is no longer available.

Update Statement

With the start of SFY 2025, SLRP will be using JUA funds for new contracts as SFY 2025 General Funds have already been committed through previous years' contracts. September 2024, the \$300,000 from HB1585 has become available to use for qualified nursing professionals contracting for SLRP. We have also made changes to the SLRP-PPD program to include the ability to submit employer contributions.

Short-Term Recommendation(s)

Maintain or increase the amount of general funds budgeted in each SFY. This is critical in order for the State Loan Repayment Program to meet the demand under the current guidelines. SLRP is currently undergoing LEAN Process Improvement to further streamline the entire flow from application to payments.

Respectfully submitted,  
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