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Genesee County healthcare professionals eligible for student loan repayment through program to assist underserved populations

LANSING, Mich. – Healthcare employers in Genesee County will be able to better recruit and retain medical, dental and mental health professionals through a special student loan repayment program offered by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

MDHHS will select 10 to 15 primary care health care professionals who will be eligible for up to \$50,000 tax-free to repay their educational debt if they practice for two years at approved sites in Genesee County and meet other program requirements.

The state-funded student loan repayment assistance in Genesee County is through the Michigan State Loan Repayment Program, which is designed to improve healthcare services in underserved communities. MDHHS will select providers on a first-come, first-served basis. The applications period begins today, June 2, 2016, and will end on Aug. 15, 2016, or once all program funds are obligated.

Interested providers must mail completed application packages [including application forms found on the Michigan State Loan Repayment Program website](#) under "Application Periods, Forms and Process."

Eligible primary care providers include MDs, doctors of osteopathic medicine, doctors of dental surgery, doctors of medicine in dentistry, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and certified nurse midwives practicing in an outpatient, not-for-profit setting. For this program, practice sites are not required to be located in health professional shortage areas or have such a designation, as is usually the case, and employers sponsoring providers are not required to make employer contributions.

Applicants must read all information [on the Michigan State Loan Repayment website](#), including the [Participant information and Requirements section](#). Anyone with further questions after reading the information can call Ken Miller at 517-241-9946.

Applications must be mailed to: Tania Rodriguez, MSLRP Coordinator, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Policy, Planning and Legislative Services, MSLRP Program – Genesee County Program, P.O. Box 30195, Lansing, MI 48909.

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