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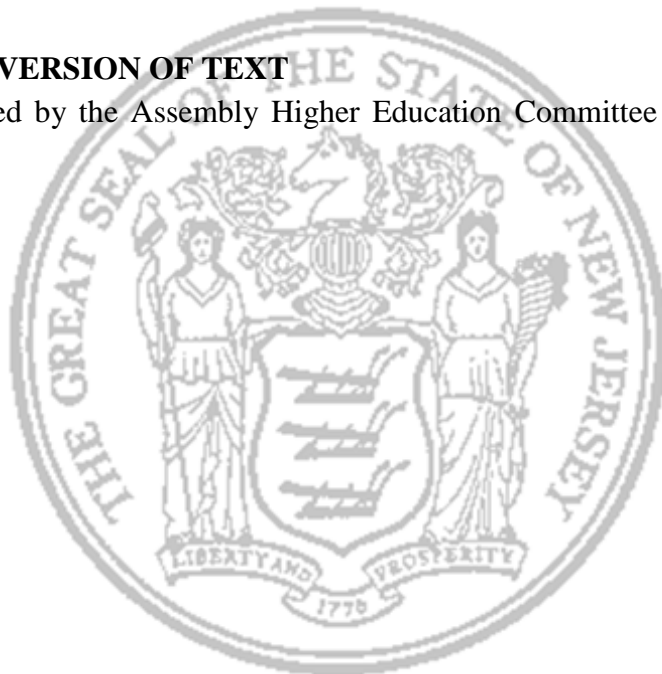
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SYNOPSIS

Renames, extends eligibility, and makes various other changes to Primary Care Practitioner Loan Redemption Program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Higher Education Committee with technical review.



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1 AN ACT concerning the Primary Care Practitioner Loan Redemption
2 Program, amending various parts of the statutory law, and
3 supplementing chapter 71C of Title 18A of the New Jersey
4 Statutes.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. N.J.S.18A:71C-32 is amended to read as follows:

10 18A:71C-32. "Approved site" means a site located within a State
11 designated underserved area or a health professional shortage area,
12 or a clinic which is part of the extramural network of dental clinics
13 established by the New Jersey Dental School of Rutgers, The State
14 University, or a site that has been determined by the Higher
15 Education Student Assistance Authority, in consultation with the
16 Department of Health **[and Senior Services]**, to serve medically
17 underserved populations according to criteria determined by the
18 authority **[**, including, but not limited to, the percentage of
19 medically underserved patients served**]** in accordance with section
20 18 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this
21 bill).

22 "Authority" means the Higher Education Student Assistance
23 Authority.

24 "Eligible qualifying loan expenses" means the cumulative
25 outstanding balance of student loans covering the cost of attendance
26 at an undergraduate institution of medical, dental, or other primary
27 care professional education at the time an applicant is selected for
28 the program. Interest paid or due on qualifying loans that an
29 applicant has taken out for use in paying the costs of undergraduate
30 medical, dental, or other primary care professional education shall
31 be considered eligible for reimbursement under the program. The
32 **[**authority may establish a limit on the**]** total amount of qualifying
33 loans which may be redeemed for participants under the program **[**,
34 provided that the total redemption of qualifying loans does not
35 exceed \$120,000**]** shall be \$200,000 for participants employed at an
36 approved site, or the maximum amount authorized by the federal
37 government, whichever is greater, either in State funds or the sum
38 of federal, State, and other non-federal matching funds, pursuant to
39 section 338I of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.s.254q-1),
40 whichever is applicable.

41 "Executive director" means the executive director of the Higher
42 Education Student Assistance Authority.

43 "Health professional shortage area" (HPSA) means an urban or
44 rural area, a population group or a public or non-profit private
45 medical or dental facility or other public facility which the
46 Secretary of Health and Human Services determines has a health

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 professional shortage pursuant to section 332 of the Public Health
2 Service Act (42 U.S.C. s.254e).

3 "Primary care" means the practice of family medicine, general
4 internal medicine, general pediatrics, general obstetrics,
5 gynecology, pediatric dentistry, general dentistry, public health
6 dentistry, and any other areas of medicine or dentistry which the
7 Commissioner of Health **【and Senior Services】** may define as
8 primary care. Primary care also includes the practice of a nurse-
9 practitioner, certified nurse-midwife, and physician assistant.

10 "Primary care practitioner" means a State-licensed or certified
11 health care professional who has obtained a degree in allopathic or
12 osteopathic medicine, dentistry, or another primary care profession
13 at an undergraduate institution of medical, dental, or other primary
14 care professional education, as applicable.

15 "Program" means the **【Primary Care Practitioner】** Health Care
16 Professional Loan Redemption Program established pursuant to
17 N.J.S.18A:71C-33.

18 "Program participant" means a **【primary care】** practitioner who
19 contracts with the authority to engage in the clinical practice of
20 primary care, psychiatry or other qualifying health care field **【at an**
21 approved site】 at an approved site in exchange for the redemption
22 of eligible qualifying loan expenses provided under the program.

23 "Qualifying loan" means a government or commercial loan for
24 the actual costs paid for tuition and reasonable education and living
25 expenses relating to the obtaining of a degree in allopathic or
26 osteopathic medicine, dentistry, or another primary care profession.

27 "State designated underserved area" means a geographic area in
28 this State which has been ranked by the Commissioner of Health
29 **【and Senior Services】** on the basis of health status and economic
30 indicators as reflecting a medical or dental health professional
31 shortage , in consultation with the Commissioner of Human
32 Services; a municipality which has more than 50 percent of its
33 households at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level; or a
34 municipality with a medically underserved area or population
35 designation reflecting health status and economic indicators as
36 determined by the United States Health Resources and Services
37 Administration.

38 "Total and permanent disability" means a physical or mental
39 disability that is expected to continue indefinitely or result in death
40 and renders a participant in the program unable to perform that
41 person's service obligation, as determined by the executive director
42 or **【his】** a designee.

43 "Undergraduate medical, dental, or other primary care
44 professional education" means the period of time between entry into
45 medical school, dental school, or other primary care or medical
46 professional training program and the award of a degree in

1 allopathic or osteopathic medicine, dentistry, or another primary
2 care profession, respectively.
3 (cf: P.L.2012, c.45, s.99)
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5 2. N.J.S.18A:71C-33 is amended to read as follows:

6 18A:71C-33. There is established a **【Primary Care Practitioner】**
7 Health Care Professional Loan Redemption Program within the
8 Higher Education Student Assistance Authority. The program shall
9 provide for the redemption of a portion of the eligible qualifying
10 loan expenses of program participants for each year of service at an
11 approved site.

12 (cf: P.L.2009, c.145, s.2)
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14 3. N.J.S.18A:71C-34 is amended to read as follows:

15 18A:71C-34. To be eligible to participate in the program, an
16 applicant shall:

17 a. be a resident of the State;

18 b. be a primary care practitioner, psychiatrist, or other health
19 care professional designated by the Commissioner of Health
20 pursuant to section 17 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
21 Legislature as this bill) for inclusion in the program; and

22 c. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2009, c.145.)

23 d. agree to practice primary care, psychiatry, or other
24 qualifying medical care, as appropriate, at an approved site under
25 the terms and conditions provided in N.J.S.18A:71C-36 and the
26 agreement issued thereunder.

27 (cf: P.L.2009, c.145, s.3)
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29 4. N.J.S.18A:71C-35 is amended to read as follows:

30 18A:71C-35. The Commissioner of Health **【and Senior**
31 **Services】**, after consultation with the **【Commissioner of**
32 **Corrections and the】** Commissioner of Human Services, shall
33 designate and establish a ranking of State designated underserved
34 areas, including both professional shortage areas and medically
35 underserved areas. The criteria used by the Commissioner of Health
36 **【and Senior Services】** in designating areas shall include, but not be
37 limited to:

38 a. the financial resources of the population under
39 consideration, including the percentage of the population that is
40 eligible for medical assistance pursuant to P.L.1968, c.413
41 (C.30:4D-1 et seq.) and P.L.2005, c.156 (C.30:4J-8 et seq.), and the
42 percentage of the population that does not have health insurance
43 coverage;

44 b. the population's access to primary care, psychiatry, and
45 other medical services;

46 c. appropriate physician, dentist, psychiatry, or other primary
47 care staffing in State, county, municipal and private nonprofit

1 health care facilities and in clinics which are part of the extramural
2 network of dental clinics established by the New Jersey Dental
3 School of Rutgers, The State University; and

4 d. the extent to which racial and ethnic disparities in health
5 care in a geographic area, including, but not limited to, disparities
6 in the incidence of cancer, cardiovascular disease, stroke, chemical
7 dependency, diabetes, asthma, homicide, suicide, accidental injury,
8 infant mortality, child immunization rates, HIV/AIDS, dental caries,
9 and periodontal disease, indicate the need to increase access to
10 **【primary】** health care services among racial and ethnic minority
11 populations in that area.

12 A municipality which has more than 50 percent of its households
13 at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level shall
14 automatically be deemed a State designated underserved area
15 without action by the Commissioner of Health.

16 The Commissioner of Health **【and Senior Services】** shall
17 transmit the list of State designated underserved areas , the data
18 source used to determine State designated underserved areas, the
19 data source used to determine the total percentage of Medicaid
20 enrollees and uninsured persons in each county as required by
21 paragraph (3) of subsection a. of section 18 of P.L. , c. (C.)
22 (pending before the Legislature as this bill), and the number of
23 positions needed in each area to the executive director or designee
24 by January 1 of each year.

25 (cf: P.L.2012, c.45, s.100)

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27 5. (New section) The authority shall annually publish on its
28 Internet website:

29 a. the list of State designated underserved areas and the number
30 of positions needed in each area as determined pursuant to section 4
31 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill);

32 b. the data source used to determine State designated
33 underserved areas pursuant to section 4 of P.L. , c. (C.)
34 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) and the data source used
35 to determine the total percentage of Medicaid enrollees and
36 uninsured persons in each county as required by paragraph (3) of
37 subsection a. of section 18 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
38 Legislature as this bill), as transmitted by the Commissioner of
39 Health; and

40 c. any other sources utilized by the authority to review
41 applications for the Health Care Professional Loan Redemption
42 Program established pursuant to N.J.S.18A:71C-33.

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44 6. N.J.S.18A:71C-36 is amended to read as follows:

45 18A:71C-36. a. In administering the program, the authority or
46 its designated agent shall contract only with a primary care
47 practitioner, psychiatrist, or other health care practitioner employed
48 in a field designated by the Commissioner of Health for inclusion in

1 the program pursuant to section 17 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
2 before the Legislature as this bill).

3 b. The contract for a program participant employed at an
4 approved site shall require a program participant to:

5 (1) serve at least an initial two-year period at an approved site in
6 the full-time clinical practice of that person's **【primary care】**
7 profession;

8 (2) charge for professional services at the usual and customary
9 rate prevailing in the area in which the approved site is located, but
10 allow a patient who is unable to pay that charge to pay at a reduced
11 rate or receive care at no charge;

12 (3) not discriminate against any patient in the provision of
13 health care services on the basis of that person's ability to pay or
14 source of payment; and

15 (4) agree not to impose any charge in excess of the limiting fee
16 for a service, as determined by the United States Secretary of
17 Health and Human Services, to a recipient of benefits under the
18 federal Medicare program established pursuant to Pub.L.89-97 (42
19 U.S.C.s.1395 et seq.).

20 c. The contract for any program participant shall also specify
21 the applicant's dates of required service and the total amount of
22 eligible qualifying loan expenses to be redeemed by the State in
23 return for service, and stipulate that the applicant has knowledge of
24 and agrees to the six-month probationary period required prior to
25 final acceptance into the program pursuant to N.J.S.18A:71C-38.
26 (cf: P.L.2009, c.145, s.5)

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28 7. Section 10 of P.L.2009, c.145 (C.18A:71C-36.1) is amended
29 to read as follows:

30 10. a. A program participant, as a condition of participation,
31 shall be required to adhere to performance standards established by
32 the executive director or **【his】** a designee and if the **【approved site**
33 **is】** program participant is employed at a clinic which is part of the
34 extramural network of dental clinics established by the New Jersey
35 Dental School of Rutgers, The State University the program
36 participant shall also meet performance standards set by the New
37 Jersey Dental School.

38 b. The standards shall include, but not be limited to,
39 requirements that a participant:

40 (1) maintain residency in the State;

41 (2) maintain a license or certification to practice a primary care
42 profession, psychiatry, or other qualifying health care profession in
43 the State;

44 (3) remain current with payments on student loans;

45 (4) enter into a mutually acceptable contract with an approved
46 site;

1 (5) maintain satisfactory performance of services rendered [at
2 an approved site]; and

3 (6) report to the authority or its designee, on a form and in a
4 manner prescribed by the authority or its designee, on the program
5 participant's performance of services rendered [at an approved site]
6 prior to repayment of the annual amount eligible for redemption.
7 (cf: P.L.2012, c.45, s.101)

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9 8. N.J.S.18A:71C-37 is amended to read as follows:

10 18A:71C-37. a. Maximum redemption of loans under the loan
11 redemption program shall amount to 18 [%] percent of principal
12 and interest of eligible qualifying loan expenses in return for one
13 full year of service at an approved site, an additional 26 [%]
14 percent for a second full year of service, an additional 28 [%]
15 percent for a third full year of service and an additional 28 [%]
16 percent for a fourth full year of service for a total redemption of
17 eligible qualifying loan expenses of up to, but not to exceed,
18 ~~[\$120,00]~~ \$200,000 for service at an approved site, or the
19 maximum amount authorized by the federal government, whichever
20 is greater, either (1) in State funds or (2) the sum of federal, State,
21 and other non-federal funds pursuant to section 338I of the Public
22 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.s.254q-1), whichever is applicable.
23 No amount of eligible qualifying loan expenses shall be redeemed
24 for services performed for less than a full year.

25 b. A participant who enters an agreement to fulfill service in a
26 State designated underserved area that is also a HPSA shall be
27 permitted a total redemption of eligible qualifying loan expenses for
28 four years of service up to, but not to exceed, the sum of federal,
29 State and other non-federal matching funds provided pursuant to
30 section 338I of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.s.254q-1).

31 c. A program participant who enters an agreement to fulfill
32 service in a State designated underserved area that is not also a
33 HPSA shall be permitted a total redemption of eligible qualifying
34 loan expenses for four years of service up to, but not to exceed,
35 ~~[\$120,00]~~ \$200,000, or the maximum amount authorized by the
36 federal government, whichever is greater, in State funds.

37 d. A program participant who has engaged in full-time clinical
38 practice during the participant's initial two years of participation in
39 the program shall be permitted to fulfill the program participant's
40 subsequent service obligations on a part-time basis with the
41 approval of the authority or its designee and the program
42 participant's employer in a State designated underserved area, with
43 the program participant's redemption credit accruing on a pro rata
44 basis. The program participant may be permitted a total redemption
45 of eligible qualifying loan expenses for the equivalent of four years
46 of full-time service.

47 (cf: P.L.2009, c.145, s.6)

1 9. N.J.S.18A:71C-38 is amended to read as follows:

2 18A:71C-38. Each program participant shall serve a six-month
3 probationary period upon initial placement at an approved site.
4 During that period, the **【primary care】** supervisory staff of the
5 approved site, or in the case of a clinic which is part of the
6 extramural network of dental clinics established by the New Jersey
7 Dental School of Rutgers, The State University, the director of the
8 clinics and the vice-dean of the dental school, together with the
9 program participant and the executive director or his designee, shall
10 evaluate the suitability of the placement for the program participant.
11 At the end of the probationary period, the **【primary care】**
12 supervisory staff shall recommend the continuation of the program
13 participant's present placement, a change in placement, or its
14 determination that the program participant is an unsuitable
15 candidate for the program. If the **【primary care】** supervisory staff of
16 the approved site recommends a change in placement, the executive
17 director or a designee shall approve an alternate placement at an
18 approved site. If the **【primary care】** supervisory staff determines
19 that the program participant is not a suitable candidate for the
20 program, the executive director or his designee shall take this
21 recommendation into consideration in regard to the program
22 participant's final acceptance into the program. No loan redemption
23 payment shall be made during the six-month probationary period;
24 however, a program participant shall receive credit for the six-
25 month period in calculating the first year of required service under
26 the loan redemption contract.

27 (cf: P.L.2012, c.45, s.102)

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29 10. N.J.S.18A:71C-39 is amended to read as follows:

30 18A:71C-39. The executive director or **【his】** a designee, in
31 consultation with the Commissioner of Health **【and Senior**
32 **Services】**, shall **【match】** assist program applicants and participants
33 **【to State designated underserved areas or HPSAs】** in identifying an
34 approved site. A program applicant or participant may identify a
35 proposed site for designation as an approved site, provided that the
36 site meets the criteria established pursuant to section 18 of P.L. ,
37 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill). Nothing in
38 this act shall prohibit a program applicant or participant from
39 identifying an approved site for designation and approval under the
40 program.

41 (cf: P.L.2009, c.145, s.8)

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43 11. N.J.S.18A:71C-40 is amended to read as follows:

44 18A:71C-40. The executive director or **【his】** a designee shall
45 select the program participants from among those applicants who
46 meet the eligibility criteria established pursuant to N.J.S.18A:71C-
47 34, subject to available funds and available approved sites , as

1 applicable. In the event that there are insufficient funds or approved
2 sites to select all of the applicants who meet the eligibility criteria,
3 the executive director or **【his】** a designee shall accord priority to
4 applicants in the following manner:

5 a. first, to any applicant who **【is completing a fourth, third or**
6 **second year of a loan redemption contract】** has an offer of
7 employment at an approved site;

8 b. second, to any applicant according to the severity of the
9 **【physician, dentist, or other primary care】** health care provider
10 shortage in the area selected by the applicant; **【and】**

11 c. third, to any applicant whose residence in the State at **【the**
12 **time of entry into postsecondary education】** any time prior to
13 initiating an application was within a State designated underserved
14 area ;

15 d. fourth, to any applicant whose approved site is a community-
16 based ambulatory healthcare practice, which includes practices
17 operated by a private entity that provide comprehensive pediatric
18 care, behavioral health care, preventative care, or primary care
19 health services;

20 e. fifth, to any applicant whose approved site is a hospital-
21 affiliated practice or clinic that provides comprehensive pediatric
22 care, behavioral health care, preventative care, or primary care
23 services; and

24 f. sixth, to any applicant who graduated from a high school or
25 institution of higher education in the State, or completed a medical
26 residency in the State.

27 In the event that there are more applicants who have the same
28 priority than there are program positions, the executive director or
29 **【his】** a designee shall select program participants by means of a
30 lottery or other form of random selection.

31 (cf: P.L.2009, c.145, s.9)

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33 12. N.J.S.18A:71C-41 is amended to read as follows:

34 18A:71C-41. A program participant who has previously entered
35 into a contract with the authority may nullify the agreement by
36 notifying the authority in writing and reassuming full responsibility
37 for the remaining outstanding balance of the loan debt. In no event
38 shall service **【at an approved site】** for less than the full calendar
39 year of each period of service entitle the program participant to any
40 benefits under the program. A program participant seeking to
41 nullify the contract before completing a second full year of service
42 shall be required to pay 50 **【%】** percent of the redeemed portion of
43 indebtedness in not more than one year following nullification of
44 the agreement.

45 (cf: P.L.2009, c.145, s.11)

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47 13. N.J.S.18A:71C-44 is amended to read as follows:

1 18A:71C-44. A student who is participating in the federally
2 administered National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment
3 Program, section 338B of the Public Health Service Act (42
4 U.S.C.s.254 1-1), shall not be eligible to participate simultaneously
5 in the **【Primary Care Practitioner】** Health Care Professional Loan
6 Redemption Program.
7 (cf: P.L.2009, c.145, s.15)

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9 14. Section 18 of P.L.2009, c.145 (C.18A:71C-46.1) is amended
10 to read as follows:

11 18. The authority shall work with State institutions of medical,
12 dental, and other **【primary】** health care professional education to
13 ensure that information on the **【Primary Care Practitioner】** Health
14 Care Professional Loan Redemption Program is made available to
15 students upon enrollment.
16 (cf: P.L.2009, c.145, s.18)

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18 15. Section 9 of P.L.2009, c.236 (C.18A:71C-58) is amended to
19 read as follows:

20 9. Of the funds annually appropriated for the **【Primary Care**
21 **Practitioner】** Health Care Professional Loan Redemption Program
22 established in the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority
23 pursuant to N.J.S.18A:71C-32 et seq., 25 **【%】** percent shall be
24 dedicated to the Nursing Faculty Loan Redemption Program
25 established pursuant to **【this act】** section 4 of P.L.2009, c.236
26 (C.18A:71C-53). Of the funds dedicated to the Nursing Faculty
27 Loan Redemption Program, funds in excess of the amount
28 necessary to satisfy qualifying applications pursuant to the Nursing
29 Faculty Loan Redemption Program may be reallocated to the Health
30 Care Professional Loan Redemption Program upon the
31 recommendation of the Executive Director of the Higher Education
32 Student Assistance Authority, subject to the approval of the
33 Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting. The program
34 shall be administered directly by the Higher Education Student
35 Assistance Authority.
36 (cf: P.L.2009, c.236, s.9)

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38 16. Section 7 of P.L.2017, c.126 (C.18A:71C-65) is amended to
39 read as follows:

40 7. An individual who is participating in the **【Primary Care**
41 **Practitioner】** Health Care Professional Loan Redemption Program,
42 N.J.S.18A:71C-32 et seq., or in the federally administered National
43 Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, section 338B of
44 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. s.2541-1), shall not be
45 eligible to participate simultaneously in the tuition reimbursement

1 program for psychiatrists established pursuant to **【this act】** section
2 2 of P.L.2017, c.126 (C.18A:71C-60).

3 (cf: P.L.2017, c.126, s.7)

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5 17. (New section) The Commissioner of Health, after
6 consultation with the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce
7 Development and the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs,
8 may designate additional health care fields experiencing critical
9 Statewide labor shortages for inclusion in the program. Any
10 additional health care field included in the program shall require a
11 degree in allopathic or osteopathic medicine.

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13 18. (New section) a. A site shall automatically be deemed an
14 approved site if the site:

15 (1) is located within a State designated underserved area or a
16 health professional shortage area, or is a clinic which is part of the
17 extramural network of dental clinics established by the New Jersey
18 Dental School of Rutgers, The State University, or is determined by
19 the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority, in consultation
20 with the Department of Health, to serve medically underserved
21 populations;

22 (2) participates in the Medicaid and Medicare programs,
23 however, the authority shall not require participation in more than
24 one Medicaid managed care organization;

25 (3) serves medically underserved populations at a rate equal to or
26 greater than 80 percent multiplied by the percentage of residents of
27 the county in which the site is located that are Medicaid enrollees or
28 uninsured persons, which shall be calculated by the Commissioner
29 of Health;

30 (4) uses a sliding fee scale for patients falling under 250 percent
31 of the federal poverty level who are uninsured or underinsured; and

32 (5) does not discriminate against any patient in the provision of
33 health care services on the basis of that person's ability to pay or
34 source of payment.

35 b. If a site is unable to demonstrate that it serves medically
36 underserved populations as required pursuant to paragraph (3) of
37 subsection a. of this section, the authority may approve a site if the
38 site:

39 (1) meets each requirement outlined in subsection a. of this
40 section except for the requirement outlined in paragraph (3) of
41 subsection a. of this section; and

42 (2) is accepting new Medicaid patients.

43 c. The authority shall not require any additional site eligibility
44 requirements.

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46 19. (New section) The authority shall annually submit a report
47 on the Health Care Professional Loan Redemption Program
48 established pursuant to N.J.S.18A:71C-32 et seq. to the Governor,

1 and to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164
2 (C.52:14-19.1). The report shall be submitted no later than August 1
3 of each year and shall include, but not be limited to, the following
4 information for the prior fiscal year:

5 a. the total number of participants receiving loan redemption
6 under the program;

7 b. the total amount of loan redemption provided through the
8 program;

9 c. a profile of program participants, including demographic
10 information and medical specialty, information on the employers of
11 program participants, including if a participant's approved site
12 contracts with a State entity, and the last institution of higher
13 education from which the participant received a degree;

14 d. the average annual loan redemption amount and the five-year
15 average loan redemption amount of program participants;

16 e. the total number of health care professionals who have
17 completed the program and remain licensed to practice in the State,
18 including information on if a health care professional who completed
19 the program is employed in a medically underserved community; and

20 f. the effect of the program on meeting the demand for labor in
21 primary care, psychiatry, and other qualifying health care fields in
22 the State.

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24 20. Section 1 of P.L.1999, c.46 (C.18A:71C-48) is amended to
25 read as follows:

26 The authority shall adopt rules and regulations pursuant to the
27 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
28 seq.) necessary to implement the provisions of N.J.S.18A:71C-32
29 through N.J.S.18A:71C-47 and section 18 of P.L. , c. (C.)
30 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

31 (P.L. 1999, c.46, s.1)

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33 21. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
34 initial program applications submitted on or after the enactment of
35 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).