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P.L. 2025, CHAPTER 345, *approved January 20, 2026*
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1 AN ACT concerning the Primary Care Practitioner Loan Redemption
2 Program, amending various parts of the statutory law, **‘[and]’**¹
3 supplementing chapter 71C of Title 18A of the New Jersey
4 Statutes¹, and repealing section 9 of P.L.2009, c.236¹.
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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] 17’** of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as
21 this 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 **2[undergraduate]**² institution of medical, dental, or other
27 primary care professional education at the time an applicant is
28 selected for the program. Interest paid or due on qualifying loans

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.
Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:
¹Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted September 23, 2024.
²Senate SHI committee amendments adopted February 10, 2025.
³Assembly amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's recommendations January 12, 2026.

1 that an applicant has taken out for use in paying the costs of
2 ²**undergraduate**² medical, dental, or other primary care
3 professional education shall be considered eligible for
4 reimbursement under the program. The **authority** may establish a
5 limit on the **total** amount of qualifying loans which may be
6 redeemed for participants under the program **],** provided that the
7 total redemption of qualifying loans does not exceed \$120,000 **]**
8 shall be \$200,000 for participants employed at an approved site, or
9 the maximum amount authorized by the federal government,
10 whichever is greater, either in State funds or the sum of federal,
11 State, and other non-federal matching funds, pursuant to section
12 338I of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.s.254q-1),
13 whichever is applicable.

14 "Executive director" means the executive director of the Higher
15 Education Student Assistance Authority.

16 "Health professional shortage area" (HPSA) means an urban or
17 rural area, a population group or a public or non-profit private
18 medical or dental facility or other public facility which the
19 Secretary of Health and Human Services determines has a health
20 professional shortage pursuant to section 332 of the Public Health
21 Service Act (42 U.S.C. s.254e).

22 ²"Medical, dental, or other primary care professional education"
23 means the period of time between entry into medical school, dental
24 school, or other primary care or medical professional training
25 program and the award of a degree in allopathic or osteopathic
26 medicine, dentistry, or another primary care profession,
27 respectively.²

28 "Primary care" means the practice of family medicine, general
29 internal medicine, general pediatrics, general obstetrics,
30 gynecology, pediatric dentistry, general dentistry, public health
31 dentistry, and any other areas of medicine or dentistry which the
32 Commissioner of Health **and Senior Services** may define as
33 primary care. Primary care also includes the practice of a nurse-
34 practitioner, certified nurse-midwife, and physician assistant.

35 "Primary care practitioner" means a State-licensed or certified
36 health care professional who has obtained a degree in allopathic or
37 osteopathic medicine, dentistry, or another primary care profession
38 at an ²**undergraduate**² institution of medical, dental, or other
39 primary care professional education, as applicable.

40 "Program" means the **Primary Care Practitioner** Health Care
41 Professional Loan Redemption Program established pursuant to
42 N.J.S.18A:71C-33.

43 "Program participant" means a **primary care** practitioner who
44 contracts with the authority to engage in the clinical practice of
45 primary care, psychiatry or other qualifying health care field **at an**

1 approved site~~】 at an approved site~~ in exchange for the redemption
2 of eligible qualifying loan expenses provided under the program.

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

7 "State designated ¹medically¹ underserved area" means a
8 geographic area in this State which has been ranked by the
9 Commissioner of Health ~~】and Senior Services】~~ on the basis of
10 health status and economic indicators as reflecting a medical or
11 dental health professional shortage ~~, in consultation with the~~
12 Commissioner of Human Services; ³【a municipality which has
13 more than 50 percent of its households at or below 185 percent of
14 the federal poverty level;】³ or a municipality with a medically
15 underserved area or population designation reflecting health status
16 and economic indicators as determined by the United States Health
17 Resources and Services Administration.

18 "Total and permanent disability" means a physical or mental
19 disability that is expected to continue indefinitely or result in death
20 and renders a participant in the program unable to perform that
21 person's service obligation, as determined by the executive director
22 or ~~【his】~~ a designee.

23 ²【"Undergraduate medical, dental, or other primary care
24 professional education" means the period of time between entry into
25 medical school, dental school, or other primary care or medical
26 professional training program and the award of a degree in
27 allopathic or osteopathic medicine, dentistry, or another primary
28 care profession, respectively.】²

29 (cf: P.L.2012, c.45, s.99)

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

32 18A:71C-33. There is established a ~~【Primary Care Practitioner】~~
33 Health Care Professional Loan Redemption Program within the
34 Higher Education Student Assistance Authority. The program shall
35 provide for the redemption of a portion of the eligible qualifying
36 loan expenses of program participants for each year of service at an
37 approved site.

38 (cf: P.L.2009, c.145, s.2)

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40 3. N.J.S.18A:71C-34 is amended to read as follows:

41 18A:71C-34. To be eligible to participate in the program, an
42 applicant shall:

43 a. be a resident of the State;

44 b. be a primary care practitioner ~~, psychiatrist, or other health~~
45 care professional designated by the Commissioner of Health

1 pursuant to section ¹~~17~~ 16¹ of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
2 the Legislature as this bill) for inclusion in the program; and

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

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

8 (cf: P.L.2009, c.145, s.3)

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10 4. N.J.S.18A:71C-35 is amended to read as follows:

11 18A:71C-35. The Commissioner of Health **and Senior**
12 **Services**], after consultation with the **Commissioner of**
13 **Corrections and the** Commissioner of Human Services, shall
14 designate and establish a ranking of State designated underserved
15 areas , including both professional shortage areas and medically
16 underserved areas. The criteria used by the Commissioner of Health
17 **and Senior Services** in designating areas shall include, but not be
18 limited to:

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

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

27 c. appropriate physician, dentist, ¹~~psychiatry~~ psychiatrist¹, or
28 other primary care staffing in State, county, municipal and private
29 nonprofit health care facilities and in clinics which are part of the
30 extramural network of dental clinics established by the New Jersey
31 Dental School of Rutgers, The State University; and

32 d. the extent to which racial and ethnic disparities in health
33 care in a geographic area, including, but not limited to, disparities
34 in the incidence of cancer, cardiovascular disease, stroke, chemical
35 dependency, diabetes, asthma, homicide, suicide, accidental injury,
36 infant mortality, child immunization rates, HIV/AIDS, dental caries,
37 and periodontal disease, indicate the need to increase access to
38 **primary** health care services among racial and ethnic minority
39 populations in that area.

40 ³A municipality which has more than 50 percent of its
41 households at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level
42 shall automatically be deemed a State designated underserved area
43 without action by the Commissioner of Health.³

44 The Commissioner of Health **and Senior Services** shall
45 transmit the list of State designated ¹medically¹ underserved areas
46 ¹, the data source used to determine State designated underserved

1 areas, the data source used to determine the total percentage of
 2 Medicaid enrollees and uninsured persons in each county as
 3 required by paragraph (3) of subsection a. of section 18 of
 4 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),¹
 5 and the number of positions needed in each area to the executive
 6 director or designee by January 1 of each year¹. The Commissioner
 7 of Human Services shall transmit the total percentage of Medicaid
 8 enrollees in each county as required by paragraph (3) of subsection
 9 a. of section 17 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
 10 Legislature as this bill) to the executive director or designee by
 11 January 1 of each year¹.
 12 (cf: P.L.2012, c.45, s.100)

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

16 a. the list of State designated ¹medically¹underserved areas and
 17 the number of positions needed in each area as determined pursuant
 18 to section 4 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature
 19 as this bill) ¹as transmitted by the Commissioner of Health¹;

20 b. ¹the data source used to determine State designated
 21 underserved areas pursuant to section 4 of P.L. , c. (C.)
 22 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) and the data source used
 23 to determine¹ the total percentage of Medicaid enrollees ¹[and
 24 uninsured persons]¹ in each county as required by paragraph (3) of
 25 subsection a. of section ¹[18] 17¹ of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
 26 before the Legislature as this bill), as transmitted by the
 27 Commissioner of ¹[Health] Human Services¹; and

28 c. any other sources ¹for criteria¹ utilized by the authority to
 29 review ¹and evaluate loan recipients' or approved sites'¹
 30 applications for the Health Care Professional Loan Redemption
 31 Program established pursuant to N.J.S.18A:71C-33.

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

34 18A:71C-36. a. In administering the program, the authority or
 35 its designated agent shall contract only with a primary care
 36 practitioner, psychiatrist, or other health care practitioner employed
 37 in a field designated by the Commissioner of Health for inclusion in
 38 the program pursuant to section ¹[17] 16¹ of P.L. , c. (C.)
 39 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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

42 (1) serve at least an initial two-year period at an approved site in
 43 the full-time clinical practice of that person's **[primary care]**
 44 profession;

45 (2) charge for professional services at the usual and customary
 46 rate prevailing in the area in which the approved site is located, but

1 allow a patient who is unable to pay that charge to pay at a reduced
2 rate or receive care at no charge;

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

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

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

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

21 10. a. A program participant, as a condition of participation,
22 shall be required to adhere to performance standards established by
23 the executive director or **【his】** a designee and if the **【approved site**
24 **is】** program participant is employed at a clinic which is part of the
25 extramural network of dental clinics established by the New Jersey
26 Dental School of Rutgers, The State University the program
27 participant shall also meet performance standards set by the New
28 Jersey Dental School.

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

31 (1) maintain residency in the State;

32 (2) maintain a license or certification to practice a primary care
33 profession, psychiatry, or other qualifying health care profession in
34 the State;

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

36 (4) enter into a mutually acceptable contract with an approved
37 site;

38 (5) maintain satisfactory performance of services rendered **【at**
39 **an approved site】**; and

40 (6) report to the authority or its designee, on a form and in a
41 manner prescribed by the authority or its designee, on the program
42 participant's performance of services rendered **【at an approved site】**
43 prior to repayment of the annual amount eligible for redemption.

44 (cf: P.L.2012, c.45, s.101)

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

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

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

23 c. A program participant who enters an agreement to fulfill
24 service in a State designated underserved area that is not also a
25 HPSA shall be permitted a total redemption of eligible qualifying
26 loan expenses for four years of service up to, but not to exceed,
27 **[\$120,00]** \$200,000, or the maximum amount authorized by the
28 federal government, whichever is greater, in State funds.

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

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

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

42 18A:71C-38. Each program participant shall serve a six-month
43 probationary period upon initial placement at an approved site.
44 During that period, the **[primary care]** supervisory staff of the
45 approved site, or in the case of a clinic which is part of the
46 extramural network of dental clinics established by the New Jersey
47 Dental School of Rutgers, The State University, the director of the

1 clinics and the vice-dean of the dental school, together with the
2 program participant and the executive director or ²his a²
3 designee, shall evaluate the suitability of the placement for the
4 program participant. At the end of the probationary period, the
5 primary care supervisory staff shall recommend the continuation
6 of the program participant's present placement, a change in
7 placement, or its determination that the program participant is an
8 unsuitable candidate for the program. If the primary care
9 supervisory staff of the approved site recommends a change in
10 placement, the executive director or a designee shall approve an
11 alternate placement at an approved site. If the primary care
12 supervisory staff determines that the program participant is not a
13 suitable candidate for the program, the executive director or ²his
14 a² designee shall take this recommendation into consideration in
15 regard to the program participant's final acceptance into the
16 program. No loan redemption payment shall be made during the six-
17 month probationary period; however, a program participant shall
18 receive credit for the six-month period in calculating the first year
19 of required service under the loan redemption contract.

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

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

23 18A:71C-39. The executive director or his a designee, in
24 consultation with the Commissioner of Health and Senior
25 Services, shall match assist program applicants and participants
26 to State designated underserved areas or HPSAs in identifying an
27 approved site. A program applicant or participant may identify a
28 proposed site for designation as an approved site, provided that the
29 site meets the criteria established pursuant to section '18 17' of
30 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
31 Nothing in this act shall prohibit a program applicant or participant
32 from identifying an approved site for designation and approval
33 under the program.

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

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

37 18A:71C-40. The executive director or his a designee shall
38 select the program participants from among those applicants who
39 meet the eligibility criteria established pursuant to N.J.S.18A:71C-
40 34, subject to available funds and available approved sites , as
41 applicable. In the event that there are insufficient funds or approved
42 sites to select all of the applicants who meet the eligibility criteria,
43 the executive director or his a designee shall accord priority to
44 applicants in the following manner:

1 a. first, to any applicant who **is completing a fourth, third or**
2 **second year of a loan redemption contract** 'is employed by or' has
3 an offer of employment at an approved site;

4 b. second, to any applicant according to the severity of the
5 **physician, dentist, or other primary care** health care provider
6 shortage in the area selected by the applicant; **and**

7 c. third, to any applicant whose residence in the State at **the**
8 **time of entry into postsecondary education** any time prior to
9 initiating an application was within a State designated underserved
10 area ;

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

16 e. fifth, to any applicant whose approved site is a hospital-
17 affiliated practice or clinic that provides comprehensive pediatric
18 care, behavioral health care, preventative care, or primary care
19 services; and

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

23 In the event that there are more applicants who have the same
24 priority than there are program positions, the executive director or
25 **his** a designee shall select program participants by means of a
26 lottery or other form of random selection.

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

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

30 18A:71C-41. A program participant who has previously entered
31 into a contract with the authority may nullify the agreement by
32 notifying the authority in writing and reassuming full responsibility
33 for the remaining outstanding balance of the loan debt. In no event
34 shall service **at an approved site** for less than the full calendar
35 year of each period of service entitle the program participant to any
36 benefits under the program. A program participant seeking to
37 nullify the contract before completing a second full year of service
38 shall be required to pay 50 **%** percent of the redeemed portion of
39 indebtedness in not more than one year following nullification of
40 the agreement.

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

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

44 18A:71C-44. A student who is participating in the federally
45 administered National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment
46 Program, section 338B of the Public Health Service Act (42
47 U.S.C.s.254 l-1), shall not be eligible to participate simultaneously

1 in the **【Primary Care Practitioner】** Health Care Professional Loan
2 Redemption Program.

3 (cf: P.L.2009, c.145, s.15)
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5 14. Section 18 of P.L.2009, c.145 (C.18A:71C-46.1) is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 18. The authority shall work with State institutions of medical,
8 dental, and other **【primary】** health care professional education to
9 ensure that information on the **【Primary Care Practitioner】** Health
10 Care Professional Loan Redemption Program is made available to
11 students upon enrollment.

12 (cf: P.L.2009, c.145, s.18)
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14 ¹**【15.** Section 9 of P.L.2009, c.236 (C.18A:71C-58) is amended
15 to read as follows:

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

32 (cf: P.L.2009, c.236, s.9)**】¹**
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34 ¹**【16.】** 15.¹ Section 7 of P.L.2017, c.126 (C.18A:71C-65) is
35 amended to read as follows:

36 7. An individual who is participating in the **【Primary Care**
37 **Practitioner】** Health Care Professional Loan Redemption Program,
38 N.J.S.18A:71C-32 et seq., or in the federally administered National
39 Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, section 338B of
40 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. s.2541-1), shall not be
41 eligible to participate simultaneously in the tuition reimbursement
42 program for psychiatrists established pursuant to **【this act】** section
43 2 of P.L.2017, c.126 (C.18A:71C-60).

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

1 ¹~~17.~~ 16.¹ (New section) The Commissioner of Health, after
 2 consultation with the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce
 3 Development and the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs,
 4 may designate additional health care fields experiencing critical
 5 Statewide labor shortages for inclusion in the program. ²~~Any~~
 6 additional health care field included in the program shall require a
 7 degree in allopathic or osteopathic medicine.]²

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 9 ¹~~18.~~ 17.¹ (New section) a. A site shall automatically be
 10 deemed an approved site if the site:

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

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

21 (3) ³in a county in which less than 30 percent of the population
 22 are Medicaid enrollees, the site³ serves medically underserved
 23 populations at a rate equal to or greater than ³80 percent multiplied
 24 by]³ the percentage of residents of the county ³in which the site is
 25 located that] who³ are Medicaid enrollees ³, and in a county in
 26 which 30 percent or more of the population are Medicaid enrollees,
 27 the site serves medically underserved populations at a rate equal to
 28 or greater than 80 percent of the percentage of residents of the
 29 county who are Medicaid enrollees³ ¹or uninsured persons, which
 30 shall be calculated by the Commissioner of Health]¹;

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

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

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

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

43 (2) is accepting ³and serving³ new Medicaid patients.

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

1 ¹**19.** ¹18.¹ (New section) The authority shall annually submit a
 2 report on the Health Care Professional Loan Redemption Program
 3 established pursuant to N.J.S.18A:71C-32 et seq. to the Governor,
 4 and to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164
 5 (C.52:14-19.1). The report shall be submitted no later than August 1
 6 of each year and shall include, but not be limited to, the following
 7 information for the prior fiscal year:

8 a. the total number of participants receiving loan redemption
 9 under the program;

10 b. the total amount of loan redemption provided through the
 11 program;

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

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

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

23 f. the effect of the program on meeting the demand for labor in
 24 primary care, psychiatry, and other qualifying health care fields in
 25 the State.

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 27 ¹19. Section 9 of P.L.2009, c.236 (C.18A:71C-58) is repealed.¹

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 29 20. ¹**1**Section 1 of P.L.1999, c.46 (**1**N.J.S.¹ 18A:71C-48 ¹**1**)¹ is
 30 amended to read as follows:

31 The authority shall adopt rules and regulations pursuant to the
 32 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
 33 seq.) necessary to implement the provisions of N.J.S.18A:71C-32
 34 through N.J.S.18A:71C-47 and section ¹**18**¹17¹ of
 35 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
 36 (cf: P.L. 1999, c.46, s.1)

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 38 21. ³**1**This Section 4 and subsections a. and b. of section 5 of
 39 this³ act shall take effect immediately and ³**1**shall first apply to
 40 initial program applications submitted on or after the enactment of
 41 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) the
 42 remainder of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2026³.

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