



For more information about eligibility and which sites in Rhode Island are designated as Health Professional Shortage Areas by the federal government, visit:

health.ri.gov/programs/healthprofessionalloanrepayment



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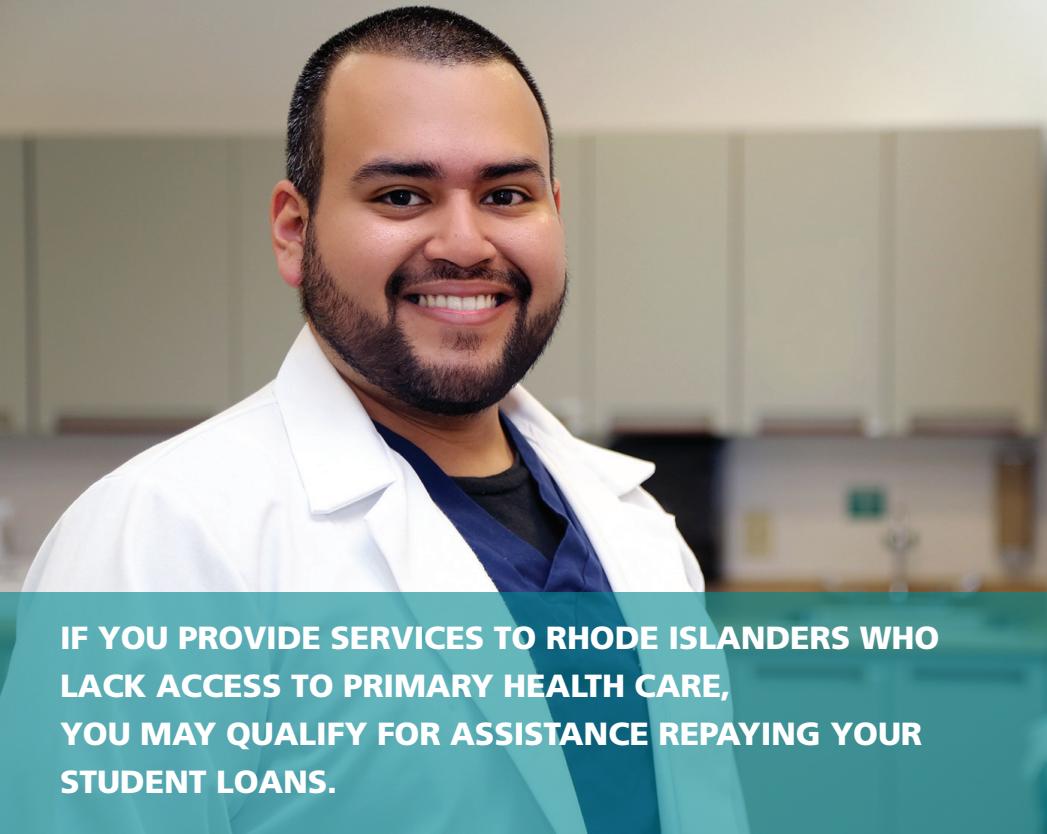
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RHODE ISLAND HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM



**YOUR MEDICAL SKILLS CAN
MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



IF YOU PROVIDE SERVICES TO RHODE ISLANDERS WHO LACK ACCESS TO PRIMARY HEALTH CARE, YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR ASSISTANCE REPAYING YOUR STUDENT LOANS.

As a primary care provider, you are often the first point of contact for a patient in need. You serve as a guide to improve health through prevention and treatment. Yet many Rhode Islanders don't have access to primary care.

IF YOU ENJOY PROVIDING DIRECT PATIENT CARE, THE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM MAY BE AN OPTION FOR YOU.

Award recipients must make a two-year commitment to provide direct patient care in an ambulatory outpatient setting. Award amounts up to \$50,000 vary based on income and student loan balances for an initial two year-initial term.

The Rhode Island Health Professionals Loan Repayment Program is available to a wide variety of medical, dental, and mental health professionals who work where there is a shortage of healthcare providers or other barriers to care.

BENEFITS

- Enrich your experience and knowledge by working with Rhode Island's most diverse populations and healthcare workforce
- Improve the lives of those Rhode Islanders who need the most help
- Ensure equitable access to healthcare and help eliminate health disparities in our state
- Receive help in repaying your student loans
- Once you complete the initial two-year service contract, you may be eligible to apply for additional loan repayment through continuation service contracts

CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY

• Confirm that you are working at an eligible site.

You must be working at a site located in a federally-designated health provider shortage area that matches your profession. You can search by address at <https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/shortage-area>

All Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) are eligible practice sites.

• Confirm that you have an approved and active license.

Individuals with a pending license status as of the submission deadline are encouraged to apply.

• **Talk with your employer.** Your employer will need to describe the facility's need for your services, must verify your working hours, and confirm that 80% of that time is for providing direct patient care.

• Apply Online:

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The application is posted in December each year.

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