

MSLRP Announcements

1. MSLRP Expands Areas Eligible to Participate in Loan Repayment The Michigan State Loan Repayment Program has made a determination to offer loan repayment to communities with a HPSA status of “no data submitted” or “proposed for withdrawal.” These communities are not eligible for National Health Service Corps placements, and had been previously ineligible for MSLRP. This will notably increase the number of communities eligible to participate in MSLRP. Please see attached maps for areas that are eligible. Questions about the HPSA status of practice sites should be directed to Ian Horste, HPSA Analyst, at 517 241-9947 or horstei@michigan.gov.

2. MSLRP Funds Available for FY 2010 Contracts FY 2010 First-Come, First-Served Application Period will begin January 1, 2010 and continue until all program funds are committed or until August 31, 2010. During this application period, Sign-On Bonus and Provider Retention Loan Repayment Contracts (also known as Local Match Contracts) will be awarded to eligible providers submitting complete application packages postmarked January 1, 2010 or later, on a first-come, first-served basis, regardless of priority status. To learn more about these contracts and how to apply, please visit the MSLRP Website at www.michigan.gov/mslrp

Contracts awarded during the FY 2010 First-Come, First-Served Application Period will allow employers to combine their contributions equally with available federal program funds to double resources intended for the recruitment and retention of needed primary care providers. Participants receive these loan repayment benefits tax-free.

Mental health care workers should note that, although the National Health Service Corps will only accept fully-licensed applicants, limited-licensed mental health care professionals are eligible for MSLRP contracts.

3. M-SEARCH Recruitment Opportunity

MSLRP eligible practice sites can take advantage of a new initiative to match health professional students with clinical rotations in underserved areas and provide students with incentives to support their participation. Employers at M-SEARCH clinical rotation sites will be able to introduce students to their organizations and communities, evaluate their work during clinical rotations and maintain contact with them for recruitment upon graduation. Please see the attachments that provide more information on M-SEARCH.

Please consider forwarding this email to organizations and individuals that may benefit from this information.

If you would like to be considered as an M-SEARCH clinical rotation site or have questions on how to take advantage of this Michigan State Loan Repayment Program opportunity, please call me at 517 241-9946.

Sincerely,

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