



**RHODE ISLAND  
HEALTH PROFESSIONALS  
LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM**



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](http://health.ri.gov/programs/healthprofessionalloanrepayment)



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**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. **Part-time employment requires a commitment of four years.**

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

## 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 [www.hpsafind.hrsa.gov/geoAdvisor/ShortageDesignationAdvisor.aspx](http://www.hpsafind.hrsa.gov/geoAdvisor/ShortageDesignationAdvisor.aspx)  
  
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.
- **Download the application:**  
[www.health.ri.gov/programs/healthprofessionalloanrepayment](http://www.health.ri.gov/programs/healthprofessionalloanrepayment)  
The application is posted on December 15 each year.

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