

The Montana Mental Health Access Plan Section 1115 Demonstration Proposal was disapproved on September 13, 1995 for the following reasons:

- It would not have provided a comprehensive range of services to the expansion population, that is, the expansion population would not be eligible to receive physical health benefits under the demonstration; and
- It would have shifted the costs of state-funded mental health services to the Federal Government."

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program, No. 93.779; Health Financing Research, Demonstrations, and Experiments)

Dated: January 23, 1997.

Barbara Cooper,

*Acting Director, Office of Research and Demonstrations.*

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## Health Resources and Services Administration

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of Title 35, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-1129.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and

clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**Proposed Project:** The Health Education Assistance Loan (HEAL) Program: Forms—0915-0034—Extension, no change—This clearance request is for extension of approval for four HEAL forms: the Lender's Application for Contract of Federal Loan Insurance (used by lenders to make application to the HEAL insurance program); the Lender's Manifest (used by the lender to report recent HEAL loan activity); the Loan Transfer Statement (used by the lender to report the transfer of a HEAL loan); and the Borrower Status Request (completed by the borrower and the borrower's employer and used by the lender to determine eligibility for deferment). The reports assist the Department in protecting its investment in this loan insurance program. No changes to the forms are proposed.

The estimate of burden for the forms are as follows:

HRSA form	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Lender's Application for Contract of Federal Loan Insurance .....	32	1	32	8 min .....	4
Lender's Manifest .....	9	331	2,975	5 min .....	248
Loan Transfer Statement .....	32	265	8,480	10 min .....	1,413
Borrower Status Request:					
Borrowers .....	12,180	1	12,180	10 min .....	2,030
Employers .....	7,550	1.613	12,180	5 min .....	1,015
Total .....	19,762	1.81	35,847	8 min .....	4,710

Send comments to Patricia Royston, HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 14-36, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: January 23, 1997

J. Henry Montes,

*Director, Office of Policy and Information Coordination.*

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### Program Announcement for Contracts for the Disadvantaged Health Professions Faculty Loan Repayment Program for Fiscal Year 1997

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces that applications for contracts for fiscal year

(FY) 1997, for the Disadvantaged Health Professions Faculty Loan Repayment Program (FLRP) are now being accepted under section 738(a) of the Public Health Service Act (The Act).

In FY 1997, approximately \$800,000 is available for competing applications for the Disadvantaged Health Professions Faculty Loan Repayment Program. It is expected that 25 contracts averaging \$32,000 (\$15,000 per year for two years) will be supported with these funds.

#### Purpose

The purpose of the Disadvantaged Health Professions Faculty Loan Repayment Program (FLRP), authorized by section 738(a), is to attract disadvantaged health professionals into faculty positions in accredited health professions schools. The program

provides a financial incentive for degree-trained health professions personnel from disadvantaged backgrounds who will serve as members of the faculties of those schools. The FLRP is directed at those individuals available to serve immediately or within a short time as "new" full-time faculty members. Loan repayment may be provided only for an individual who has *not* been a member of the faculty of any school at any time during the 18-month period preceding the date on which the Secretary receives the request of the individual for a repayment contract (i.e., "new" faculty).

Section 738(b) makes available grants and contracts with schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, podiatric medicine, pharmacy, public health, health administration, clinical

psychology and other public or private nonprofit health or educational entities to assist in increasing the number of underrepresented minority faculty. Section 738(b) will be implemented as a separate program.

#### Eligible Individuals

Individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds are eligible to compete for participation in the FLRP if they:

1. Have degrees in medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, podiatric medicine, optometry, veterinary medicine, public health or clinical psychology; or
2. Are enrolled in an approved graduate training program in one of the health professions listed above; or
3. Are enrolled as full-time students in the final year of health professions training, leading to a degree from an eligible school.

Established faculty members are not eligible to apply for funds under the FLRP. Only individuals that have not taught in the last 18 (eighteen) months prior to application to the program will be considered.

#### Statutory Requirements

Prior to submitting an application for a contract for loan repayment, individuals must sign a contract with an eligible school, as prescribed by the Secretary, setting forth the terms and conditions of the FLRP. This contract with the school must require the individual to serve as a full-time member of the faculty, as determined by the school, for not less than 2 years, whereby the school agrees to pay, for each year, a sum (in addition to faculty salary) equal to that paid by the Secretary towards the repayment of principal due on the applicant's health professions educational loans. Additionally, the individual involved may not have been a member of the faculty of any school at any time during the last 18 months prior to application to the program.

#### Eligible Schools

Eligible schools are public or nonprofit private accredited schools of medicine, nursing, as defined in section 853 of the Act, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, podiatric medicine, optometry, veterinary medicine or public health, or schools that offer graduate programs in clinical psychology and which are located in States as provided in section 799 of the Act.

#### Provisions of the Loan Repayment Program

Section 738(a) authorizes repayment, for each year of service, as much as 20 percent of the outstanding principal and interest on the individuals educational loans, not to exceed \$20,000 for any given year. The school pays an equal amount, unless the Secretary determines that the repayment will impose an undue financial hardship on the school in which case, the Secretary may pay up to the entire 20 percent.

The school is required, for each such year, to make payments of principal and interest in an amount equal to the amount of payment made by the Secretary for that year. These payments must be in addition to the faculty salary the participant otherwise would receive.

Allowable educational loan repayment expenses include the following:

1. Tuition expenses;
2. All other reasonable educational expenses such as fees, books, supplies, educational equipment and materials required by the school, and incurred by the applicant;
3. Reasonable living expenses, as determined by the Secretary; and
4. Partial payments of the increased Federal income tax liability caused by the FLRP's payments and considered to be "other income," if the recipient requests such assistance.

Prior to entering into a contract for repayment of loans, the Secretary requires satisfactory evidence of the existence and reasonableness of the individual's educational loans, including a copy of the original written loan agreement establishing the outstanding educational loan.

#### Waiver Provision

In the event of undue financial hardship to a school, the school may obtain from the Secretary a waiver of its share of payments while the participant is serving under the terms of the contract. For purposes of this program, "undue financial hardship", as seen by the Secretary, is based on a school's particular financial status as influenced by such circumstances as budget cutbacks. Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis, and must be supported by the school's documentation of comparative yearly financial allocation of funds; or the most current certified public accounting audit, including the Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenses for the past several years.

If the Secretary waives the school's payment requirement, the amount of the Federal loan repayment may be up to

the full 20 percent described above (regardless of the "equal amount" provision described above), but cannot exceed the \$20,000 repayment limit. The participant must pay that portion of loan payment due which is not covered.

The following Definitions, Program Requirements, Review Criteria and Funding Preference were established in FY 1991 after public comment dated October 2, 1991, at 56 FR 49896, and the Secretary is extending them in FY 1997.

#### Definitions

For purposes of the FLRP in FY 1997, an "Individual from a Disadvantaged Background" is defined as in 42 CFR 57.1804, as one who:

1. Comes from an environment that has inhibited the individual from obtaining the knowledge, skill, and abilities required to enroll in and graduate from a health professions school, or from a program providing education or training in an allied health profession; or
2. Comes from a family with an annual income below a level based on low income thresholds according to a family size published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index, and adjusted by the Secretary for use in health professions and nursing programs. The Secretary will periodically publish these income levels in the Federal Register. The following income figures determine what constitutes a low income family for purposes of the Faculty Loan Repayment Program for FY 1997.

Size of parents' family <sup>1</sup>	Income level <sup>2</sup>
1 .....	\$10,200
2 .....	13,200
3 .....	15,700
4 .....	20,200
5 .....	23,800
6 or more .....	26,700

<sup>1</sup> Includes only dependents listed on Federal income tax forms.

<sup>2</sup> Adjusted gross income for calendar year 1995 rounded to \$100.

The term "Living expenses" means the costs of room and board, transportation and commuting costs, and other costs incurred during an individual's attendance at a health professions school, as estimated each year by the school as part of the school's standard student budget. (National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, 42 CFR part 62.22)

The term "Reasonable educational expenses and living expenses" means the costs of those educational and living expenses which are equal to or less than the sum of the school's estimated

standard student budgets for educational and living expenses for the degree program and for the year(s) during which the Program participant is/was enrolled in the school. (National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, 42 CFR part 62.22)

The term "Unserved Obligation Penalty" means the amount equal to the number of months of obligated service that were not completed by an individual, multiplied by \$1,000, except that in any case in which the individual fails to serve 1 year, the unserved obligation penalty shall be equal to the full period of obligated service multiplied by \$1,000. (Section 338E of the Act) See "Breach of Contract" section below.

#### Program Requirements

The following requirements will be applied to the applicant and to the school.

##### *The Applicant*

The applicant will be required to do the following:

1. Submit a completed application, including the applicant's contract with an eligible school to serve as a full-time faculty member for not less than 2 years;
2. Provide evidence that the applicant has completely satisfied any other obligation for health professional service which is owed under an agreement with the Federal Government, State Government, or other entity prior to beginning the period of service under this program;
3. Certify that the United States does not hold a judgment against the applicant; and
4. Provide documentation to evidence the educational loans and to verify their status.

##### *The School*

The school will be required to do the following:

1. Enter into a contractual agreement with the applicant whereby the school is required, for each year for which the participant serves as a faculty member, to make payments of principal and interest in an amount equal to the amount of such quarterly payments made by the Secretary. These payments must be in addition to the faculty salary the participant otherwise would receive.
2. Verify the participant's continuous employment at intervals as prescribed by the Secretary.

The Secretary will pay participants in equal quarterly payments during the period of service.

#### Effective Date of Contract

After an applicant has been approved for participation in the FLRP, the

Director, Division of Student Assistance (DSA), will send the applicant a contract with the Secretary. The effective date is either the date work begins at the school as a faculty member or the date the Director, DSA, signs the FLRP contract, whichever is later. Service should begin no later than September 30, 1997.

#### Breach of Contract

The following areas under Breach of Contract are addressed in the appended contract:

1. If the participant fails to serve his or her period of obligated faculty service (minimum of 2 years) as contracted with the school, he/she is then in breach of contract, and neither the Secretary nor the school is obligated to continue loan repayments as stated in the contract. The participant must then reimburse the Secretary and the participating school for all sums of principal and interest paid on his/her behalf as stated in the contract in addition to any income tax assistance he/she may have received.
2. Regardless of the length of the agreed period of obligated service (2, 3, or more years), a participant who serves less than the time period specified in his/her contract is liable for monetary damages to the United States amounting to the sum of the total of the amounts the Program paid him/her, plus an "unserved obligation penalty" of \$1,000 for each month unserved.
3. Any amount which the United States is entitled to recover because of a breach of the FLRP contract must be paid within 1 year from the day the Secretary determines that the participant is in breach of contract. If payment is not received by the payment date, additional interest, penalties and administrative charges will be assessed in accordance with Federal Law (45 CFR 30.13).

#### Review Criteria

The HRSA will review fiscal year 1997 applications taking into consideration the following criteria:

1. The extent to which the applicant meets the requirements of section 738(a) of the Act;
2. The completeness, accuracy, and validity of the applicant's responses to application requirements;
3. The submission of the signed contract with the school;
4. An applicant's earliest available date to begin service as a faculty member provided funding is available for that year; and
5. An applicant's availability to enter into a service contract for a longer period than the mandatory 2-year minimum.

Factors to assure equitable distribution (e.g. geographic, discipline) will be considered in determining the funding of completed applications.

#### National Health Objectives for the Year 2000

The Public Health Service (PHS) is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of Healthy People 2000, a PHS-led national activity for setting priority areas. The Disadvantaged Health Professions Faculty Loan Repayment Program is related to the priority area of Educational and Community-Based Programs. Potential applicants may obtain a copy of *Healthy People 2000* (Full Report; Stock No. 017-001-00474-0) or *Healthy People 2000* (Summary Report; Stock No. 017-001-00473-1) through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402-9325 (Telephone (202) 783-3238).

#### Academic Community Partnerships

As part of its long-range planning, HRSA will be targeting its efforts to strengthening linkages between U.S. Public Health Service education programs and programs which provide comprehensive primary care services to the underserved.

#### *Smoke-Free Workplace*

The Public Health Service strongly encourages all grant recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the nonuse of all tobacco products, and Public Law 103-227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities that receive Federal funds in which education, library, day care, health care, and early childhood development services are provided to children.

#### Application Requests

Requests for application materials and questions regarding program information and business should be directed to: Shirley Zimmerman, Division of Student Assistance, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 8-34, Rockville, Maryland 20857. *Email:* szimmerman@hrsa.dhhs.gov; *Telephone:* (301) 443-1700; *FAX:* (301) 443-0846.

Completed applications should be returned to the address listed above. The application deadline date is June 30, 1997. Applications shall be considered to be "on time" if they are either:

(1) *Received on or before* the established deadline date, or

(2) *Postmarked on or before* the established deadline date and received in time for orderly processing. (Applicants should request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing.)

Late applications not accepted for processing will be returned to the applicant.

The application form and instructions for this program have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The OMB clearance number is 0915-0150.

The Disadvantaged Health Professions Faculty Loan Repayment Program is listed at 93.923 in the *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance*. It is not subject to

the provisions of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs (as implemented through 45 CFR part 100).

This program is not subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements.

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Ciro V. Sumaya,

Administrator.

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#### Office of Inspector General

#### Program Exclusions: December 1996

**AGENCY:** Office of Inspector General, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of program exclusions.

During the month of December 1996, the HHS Office of Inspector General imposed exclusions in the cases set

forth below. When an exclusion is imposed, no program payment is made to anyone for any items or services (other than an emergency item or service not provided in a hospital emergency room) furnished, ordered or prescribed by an excluded party under the Medicare, Medicaid, Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant and Block Grants to States for Social Services programs. In addition, no program payment is made to any business or facility, e.g., a hospital, that submits bills for payment for items or services provided by an excluded party. Program beneficiaries remain free to decide for themselves whether they will continue to use the services of an excluded party even though no program payments will be made for items and services provided by that excluded party. The exclusions have national effect and also apply to all Executive Branch procurement and non-procurement programs and activities.

Subject, city, state	Effective date
<b>PROGRAM-RELATED CONVICTIONS</b>	
AHMED, AFZAL, JAMAICA, NY .....	01/08/97
ARIF, RONALD A, N OLMSTEAD, OH .....	01/06/97
ARJONA, IGNACIO JESUS, MIAMI, FL .....	01/01/97
BADWOUND, JENNIFER, BILLINGS, MT .....	12/30/96
BOYKINS, MICHAEL L, BRANDON, MS .....	01/08/97
BURGER, JERRY R, AMHERST, OH .....	01/08/97
CARTER, ANNIE PEARL, LAKE PROVIDENCE, LA .....	12/30/96
CHICCO, JOANNE, WAYNE, PA .....	01/07/97
CHILDS, CAMIEL DANIELLE, PHOENIX, AZ .....	01/12/97
CRITCHFIELD, DALE, SAN DIEGO, CA .....	01/12/97
FARID, MOHAMMED, EDISON, NJ .....	01/07/97
FERRARA, AGNES, LANSDALE, PA .....	01/07/97
GALLOWAY, LYNN T, MESA, AZ .....	01/12/97
GOUGER, SANDHYA CYNTHIA ANN, LA JOLLA, CA .....	01/12/97
HENRY, JAMES E JR, UNION CITY, TN .....	01/08/97
HICKS, PEZZONIA VALDEZ, LONOKE, AR .....	12/30/96
HUOR, TOUCH, SAN DIEGO, CA .....	01/12/97
HUREY, JACQUELINE AMAHALALYA, SUITLAND, MD .....	01/07/97
I, HENG, SAN DIEGO, CA .....	01/12/97
JORDAN, PAMELA, LITHONIA, GA .....	01/01/97
KEATTS, JANET G, HOUSTON, TX .....	12/30/96
KNIGHT, NANCY A, HONOLULU, HI .....	01/12/97
LOPEZ, MARCO A SR, MIAMI BEACH, FL .....	01/01/97
LOVELACE, TERRY L, SCOTLANDVILLE, LA .....	12/30/96
MANALO, BENJAMIN M, WHEELING, IL .....	01/08/97
MAR, SONNY N, LOS ANGELES, CA .....	01/12/97
MARSHALL, VERNA, SACRAMENTO, CA .....	01/12/97
MAYS, MARIA L, DEQUINCY, LA .....	12/30/96
MLYNAREK, DANIEL A, STERLING HGTS, MI .....	01/08/97
POSEY, VALERIE ADELE, LA MESA, CA .....	01/12/97
QADRI, FARHAT S, HOLLIS, NY .....	01/08/97
RAMIREZ, ORY, CULVER CITY, CA .....	01/12/97
SABO, MARCIA, LAKEWOOD, CO .....	12/30/96
SALAMON, JAMES HARRY, LOS ANGELES, CA .....	01/12/97
SNIDER, GERALD A, EL RENO, OK .....	12/30/96
THRON, RICHARD D, SCHENECTADY, NY .....	01/07/97
TILLIS, CATRICE D, CANTON, MS .....	12/30/96
TRINGALI, JOSEPHINE AH NEE, MILILANI, HI .....	01/12/97
UNCAL, ANTONIO PEDRO, MIAMI, FL .....	01/01/97
VOLLOR, DAWN, GUILDERLAND, NY .....	01/07/97
WELLS, LINDA, RUDYARD, MI .....	01/08/97
WHELIHAN, DAVID ARTHUR, JESSUP, GA .....	01/01/97