

State Loan Repayment Program Brief

The Connecticut State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) is a federal-state partnership that assists states in addressing the health professional shortages that cause disparities in access to health care. Participants work for Community Health Centers and other eligible primary care sites in the state. Community Health Centers provide comprehensive primary care services in areas designated by the federal government as Medically Underserved Areas (MUA) and Health Professional shortage Areas (HPSA). Repayment of educational loans in exchange for a period of employment is a significant incentive for eligible clinicians to work in Community Health Centers.

Primary Care Sites sponsor the application of health professionals to the SLRP and the Department monitors all aspects of the contract implementation. A three-party agreement is signed between the health professional, the primary care site and the Department of Public Health. Applications to the program must include a health profession degree, current state licensure or certification, education loans verification, evidence of U.S. citizenship and completion of all prior service obligations. Applicants cannot have a judgment lien against their property for a debt to the United States or have defaulted on any federal payment obligations including, but not limited to, Health Education Assistance Loans, Federal income tax liabilities, and FHA loans, even if the creditor now considers them to be in good standing.

SLRP contracts with the health professional are not to be used to offset salary. Salaries for health professionals participating in the SLRP should be based on prevailing rates in the area. Priority for sponsorship will be given to clinicians that after having completed their first two-year agreement wish to sign a second two-year term. Service credit will begin on the date a SLRP contract agreement is signed by the health professional or the date that the SLRP participant begins full-time practice at the approved site, whichever comes first. SLRP participants must agree to accept Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) assignment rates and to treat patients regardless of their ability to pay (i.e., discounted sliding fee schedule).

Payments shall be made directly by the health professional to the lending institution. Health professionals are responsible for providing the Department with documentation from the lending institution demonstrating that each payment has been received and appropriately credited. Payments to the lender must be made in a timely manner so as not to incur in late penalties, which cannot be paid by the SLRP.

Eligible Clinicians are physicians with the following training: family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics obstetrics/gynecology and general psychiatry. Among other health professionals eligible for the program are doctors of osteopathic medicine, primary care physician assistants, general practice dentists, registered clinical dental hygienists, primary care certified nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives.

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**Health Education, Management and Surveillance Section
STATE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM
ENROLLEMENT**

- 4 PHYSICIANS**
- 2 REGISTERED NURSES**
- 11 ADVANCED PRACTICE RN's**
- 9 DENTISTS**
- 3 DENTAL HYGIENEST**
- 3 LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS**
- 3 LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS**
- 1 PSYCHOLOGISTS**

- 36 TOTAL**

Clinician's name	Health Profession	PHC ORG	PHC SITE	TOWN
Gote	APRN	Hill Health CHC	Dixwell Clinic	New Haven
Kyle	APRN	Hill Health CHC	SBHC	New Haven
Tielsch	APRN	SBHC - CFA	SBHC	Norwich
Baldino	APRN - FM	Stay Well CHC	Phoenix/South Main	Waterbury
Blankson	APRN - FM	CHC, Inc	CHC - New London	New London
Kennedy	APRN - FM	Fair Haven CHC	SBHC	New Haven
McKinnell	APRN - FM	Charter Oak CHC	Health Center / APV Tech School	Hartford
Menicheti	APRN - FM	Generations FHC	GFHC - Norwich	Norwich
Thomas	APRN - FM	CHC, Inc	CHC - New Britain	New Britain
Harrison	APRN - PC	Health Care Connections	SBHC	Stamford
Swan	APRN - PC	CHC, Inc	CHC - Meriden	Meriden
Garrison	DDS	CHC, Inc	CHC - New London	New London
Mandava	DDS	Stay Well CHC	South Main	Waterbury
Patel	DDS	Stay Well CHC	South End	Waterbury
Raslear	DDS	East Hartford CHC	EHCHC - Main Site	East Hartford
Romaniak	DDS	CHC, Inc	CHC - New Britain	New Britain
Trudeau	DDS	United Community Family Services	UCFS - Main Site	Norwich
Bajwa	DMD	CHC, Inc	CHC - Dental Center	Stamford
Kotsay 2	DMD	Optimus HC	BCHC - Main Site	Bridgeport
Maier	DMD	Stay Well CHC	South Main	Waterbury
Claybourne	DO - FM	CHS	CHS - Main Site	Hartford
Shafts	DO - FM	Generations FHC	GFHC - Danielson	Danielson
Lawless	LCSW	Hill Health CHC	West Haven Clinic	West Haven
Murphy	LCSW	Hill Health CHC	Adult Psychiatric	New Haven
Woolfolk	LCSW	Hill Health CHC	Dixwell Clinic	New Haven
Fregeau	LPC	United Community Family Services	UCFS - Main Site	Norwich
Scarpa	LPC	Hill Health CHC	Dixwell Clinic	New Haven
Viggiani	LPC	United Community Family Services	UCFS - Main Site	Norwich
Bossebroek	MD - FM	CHC, Inc	CHC - Meriden	Meriden
McDemott	MD - Pd	Day Kimball	Pediatric Center	Killingly
Duzant	Psych	Hartford Hospital	Inst. of Living	Hartford
Calo DiBona	RDH	Stay Well CHC	South Main	Waterbury
O'Connor	RDH	South West CHC	SWCHC - Main Site	Bridgeport
Rivera N.	RDH	South West CHC	SWCHC - Main Site	Bridgeport
Claudio	RN	Optimus HC	BCHC - Main Site	Bridgeport
Rivera J.	RN	Optimus HC	Optimus Health Care	Bridgeport

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FY 07 State Budget	FY06 C-O un-committed (?)	\$346,748	\$471,208	FY 07 Federal Award	\$190,653
	FY07 Appropriation	\$124,460			
FY07 Obligations			\$202,000	FY07 Obligations	\$174,625
FY06 and FY07 Payments			\$76,625	FY07 Un-committed	\$16,028
FY07 C-O un-committed			\$192,583		
FY 08 State Budget	FY07 C-O un-committed	\$192,583	\$317,583	FY 08 Federal Award	\$240,000
	FY08 Appropriation	\$125,000			
FY08 Obligations			\$167,000	FY08 Obligations	\$240,000
FY08 C-O un-committed			\$150,583	FY08 Un-committed	\$0
FY 09 State Budget	FY08 C-O un-committed	\$150,583	\$469,330	FY 09 Federal Award	\$240,000
	FY09 Appropriation	\$118,747			
	FY09 DSS (MOA)	\$200,000			
FY09 Obligations			\$200,375	FY09 Obligations	\$77,000
FY09 C-O un-committed			\$268,955	FY09 C-O un-committed	\$163,000
FY 10 State Budget	FY09 C-O un-committed	\$268,955	\$393,955	FY 10 Federal Award	\$240,000
	FY10 Appropriation	\$125,000			
FY10 Obligations			\$0	FY10 Obligations	\$0
FY10 C-O un-committed			\$393,955	FY10 C-O un-committed	\$240,000

