# **Nevada Health Service Corps**

The Nevada Health Service Corps (NHSC), established by the Nevada State Legislature in 1989, was created to designate areas of underservice within the State and match practitioners to those areas of need. A practitioner may enter the NHSC by engaging in full-time clinical practice in an assigned community in exchange for loan repayment funds. To date, the NHSC has placed 160 practitioners in locations throughout the State and funded the repayment of over \$2 million in educational loans for those practitioners.

#### Contact

This flyer provides a brief overview of Nevada's State Loan Repayment Program. For questions contact:

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## **Eligibility**

Candidates in the following health professions who meet licensure standards in Nevada with no restrictions upon their DEA certificate are eligible to apply:

MD Doctors of Allopathic Medicine
DO Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine
DD General Practice Dentists

NP Primary Care Certified Nurse Practitioners

NM Certified Nurse-Midwives

PA Primary Care Physician Assistants
DH Registered Clinical Dental Hygienists
CP Clinical or Counseling Psychologists

CSW Clinical Social Workers
PNS Psychiatric Nurse Specialists
MHC Mental Health Counselors
LPC Licensed Professional Counselors

MFT Marriage and Family Therapists

RN Registered Nurses

Pharm Pharmacist

LCADC Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor LADAC Masters-level, Licensed Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselors

Participants must practice full-time or half-time providing primary health care services at an eligible site.

- "Full-time" service is defined in the NHSC statute as a minimum of 40 hours per week, for a minimum 45 weeks per year.
- "Half-time" service is defined in the NHSC statute as a minimum of 20 hours per week (not to exceed 39 hours per week) for a minimum 45 weeks per year.

#### **Requirements of Participation**

In exchange for loan repayment funds, each candidate agrees to serve in their assigned community for a contractually specified period of time. Typically, the length of time equals two years of full-time service.

## **Eligible Practice sites**

- 1.Public and non-profit private entities located in and providing health care services in a federally designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA).
- 2. Sites must accept Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program, and see all patients regardless of their ability to pay.
- 3. Eligible practice sites must charge for professional services at the usual and customary prevailing rates-except free clinics.
- 4. Eligible practice sites must provide discounts for individuals with limited incomes (a sliding-fee scale). Examples of eligible sites include:

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Community Health Centers, Homeless Programs, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Certified Rural Health Clinics, Community Mental Health Facilities, Free Clinics, Mobile Units, School-based programs, Critical Access Hospitals affiliated with a qualified outpatient clinic, State Mental Health Facilities, Indian Health Service Facilities, Tribally-Operated 638 Health Programs, and Urban Indian Health Programs Federal Indian Health Service (IHS) Clinical Practice Sites.

## **Application**

Candidates may apply for the NHSC at any point during the fiscal year (July 1 thru June 30). Awards are made throughout the year while funding is available. Each application is evaluated individually, and awards are made based upon the funding available during that cycle.

## **Funding**

The NHSC reserves the right to determine the amount of the award and the length of the period of obligated service individually for each application. Each application is evaluated individually, and awards are made based upon the funding available during that cycle.

Proof of payment in the amount of the award must be submitted to the NHSC.