

New York State Department of Health
 Doctors Across New York
 Physician Loan Repayment Program Request for Applications (RFA) #1104181147
 Questions and Answers - July 8, 2011

NOTE: RFA # 1104181147, page 21, paragraph 2 is revised as follows:

“Next, applications will be reviewed for eligibility for an award based on the date they are received, i.e., applications received by 5:00 p.m. on July 27, 2011 will be reviewed *first* in the order of the time of day in which they were received; those received by 5:00 p.m. on July 28, 2011 will be reviewed *second* in the order of the time of day in which they were received, etc.”

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1.	Application issues - Would my application to DANY be accepted if I submit my application before July 27th?	Applications will be accepted continuously through 4 p.m. on March 30, 2012 or until funds are exhausted.
2.	The application is in PDF form, so I am not able to type our answers. Would you prefer that I re-type the entire application with our answers, or should I print the DANY application and hand write the answers?	Handwritten applications are acceptable, provided all handwriting is legible. However, the application materials are on the DOH website as a fillable PDF document in addition to the normal PDF version.
3.	The RFA states that a facility can apply for 2 awards per OPCERT. For hospital systems that contain multiple hospitals, can each hospital submit two applications, or is it limited to 2 applications per health system?	If each hospital within the system has a unique operating certificate number, each hospital can submit two applications.
4.	If a health system/hospital is applying for an identified physician, does Attachment 2 need to be filled out by the health system/hospital or the identified physician?	In Attachment 2 - Physician Information – Complete all items pertaining to the physician IDENTIFIED for a loan repayment award. NOTE: The “Proposed Practice Site Location” in section 2 should MATCH that identified in Attachment 3, Section 2, “Proposed Site Location.” Either party can fill out this section, as long as it pertains to the identified physician.
5.	Regarding the Doctors Across NY Physician Loan Repayment Program (RFA #1104181147): Can physicians who qualify (e.g. primary care physician) apply <u>on their own</u> - independent of the hospital where they work- for the loan forgiveness grant?	Individual physicians may apply provided they meet all of the eligibility requirements in the RFA. (page 7)
6.	Can you please clarify that funding awarded for an application submitted by a facility or medical practice can be used for more than one physician.	No, each application provides funding for one full-time physician.

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7.	If we apply for recruitment funding of \$100,000 and use our new Orthopedic surgeon as our identified physician through the Practice Support program, can he also apply for \$100,000 of Loan Repayment through DANY?	No, an individual physician may benefit from only one DANY award.
8.	When we submit an application for funding for an identified physician, does this prohibit or lessen the chances of success for an individual application by the identified physician for educational Loan Repayment ?	See question 7 above.
9.	Is there a benefit in a physician applying individually vs. an institution applying on his/her behalf, i.e., are there purposes for which a physician can only apply him/herself?	See question 7 above.
10.	Can a hospital apply for an award under DANY for a certain physician, and can that same physician apply for themselves for educational Loan Repayment ?	See question 7 above.
11.	If I apply for both the NYS Regents Physician Loan Forgiveness Award Program and DANY is my application to DANY counted against me?	No, provided the Regents service commitment does not coincide with any portion of the PPS service obligation.
12.	Can a hospital apply for an award under DANY without an identified/obligated physician in mind, but rather secure funds for a potential hire?	No, the physician MUST be identified on the application.
13.	In cases where the same physician is identified in applications to two DANY programs (e.g., Practice Support and Physician Loan) should applicants to the Physician Practice Support program wait until they receive a response from DOH before they apply to the Physician Loan Repayment Program--Cycle II?	That is up to the individual applicant.
14.	Are individual Physicians able to apply for the Residency Program Loan Repayment Award or is this only for teaching Hospitals to apply?	The Residency Program Loan Repayment Track awards are available only to teaching hospitals licensed to operate in New York State by NYSDOH; and that have received accreditation from a nationally recognized accreditation body or have been approved by a nationally recognized organization for medical or osteopathic programs including, but not limited to, specialty boards.
15.	The Practice Support RFA (#1103141142) (PPS) states that applicants can apply for 2 awards each. Will a facility that applied for 2 Loan Repayment awards also be able to apply for	Yes, provided the facility applies on behalf of physicians different from those for whom the facility has applied through the PPS program.

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16.	If a hospital is submitting an application for a new primary care physician, does it have to name the person who will be hired at the time the application is submitted?	Yes, the physician MUST be identified by the institution when applying for funding through the DANY PPS and Loan repayment RFAs.
17.	If requesting funding for a Geriatrician under Primary Care, is it necessary to complete Attachment 3.3, "Proposed Specialty" on page 30 of the RFA?	Yes.
18.	<p>My current situation is that I will be an employed by a large organization that will place me in an underserved HPSA area starting July 1st. As a salaried employee, can I individually apply for the Loan Repayment due to my primary care practice location?</p> <p>Can the organization put in a separate application for funding based on the fact that they have employees working in HPSA? Do we need to put in an application together?</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>No.</p> <p>No.</p>
19.	My health system includes 4 hospitals and an employed physician group. The hospitals all have different operating certificates, but the medical group is not an Article 28 entity and so does not have an op cert. Is it allowable to submit my hospital applications under the operating certificate and the medical group application under its FEIN?	Yes.
20.	As per the notice received from the Medical Society of the State of New York, I would greatly appreciate any information, forms, applications, etc. needed so I may share this program with my graduating medical school students.	<p>You may access The Doctors Across New York Physician Loan Repayment Request for Applications (RFA) and application documents at the following website:</p> <p>http://www.health.ny.gov/funding/rfa/1104181147/index.htm</p>
21.	P. 18 Completing the Application & Attachment 3: The Practice Support RFA states that 2 items must be checked off in each section of the Statement of Need Attachment [for the application to be eligible for an award]. Is this also a requirement of the Loan Repayment RFA?	Yes.
22.	Default - On Page 9 of the RFA, Section "Deferral & Default – If a Health System/Hospital or practice applies for loan repayment for a Physician who then decides to leave without	As the contract will be executed between the physician and the State of New York, any penalties will be the responsibility of the physician, not the health care facility.

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	meeting the full 5 year service obligation, is the Hospital obligated for the money owed back to the State or is the Physician liable for this?	
23.	Educational debt - Must loan repayment award amounts be strictly for medical school, or could it include some other educational expenses, such as a Master's in Public health or Health Policy?	Loan repayment funds are available for repayment of ALL qualifying educational debt as stated in the RFA definitions, page 3.
24.	Employment contract - Does the identified Resident in the Residency Program Loan Repayment program need to have an executed employment contract with the applicant institution prior to submission of an application?	No. If the applicant is an accredited residency program, the identified resident is expected to have located an eligible position and have executed a contract for loan repayment with DOH by September 30, 2012, and begin service in that position by December 31, 2012.
25.	If we are applying as an institution, do we need to apply for a specific physician who needs to commit to a 5 year stay with us? Or can we say we will recruit for a physician and tell you who they are when we hire someone?	A physician MUST be identified by the institution when applying for funding through the DANY RFA and that physician must have an executed employment contract with the applicant institution.
26.	Number of awards - My understanding is that physicians may only benefit from one DANY award. But what if a physician is identified as the practitioner in a Physician Practice Support award that is received by a hospital; since the funds from the Practice Support award went to the hospital, can that physician receive funds from the Loan Repayment Program, Cycle II?	Physicians may only benefit from one DANY award; thus the physician cannot receive 2 awards with concurrent service obligations, irrespective of the source.
27.	Physician Eligibility - In reference to page 9 of the RFA - Service obligation – The RFA states that “The service obligation will begin on the start date of the physician’s contract with New York State. Service obligations can be met by, for five consecutive years, providing medical services in, or providing medical services to populations in, any area or facility or physician practice organization whose rationale for loan repayment is described in Attachments 3, 4, and 5.” Does this mean that the specialty must be listed on Attachment 5: Specialty Shortage Areas in order to qualify for loan repayment?	No. The specialty does not have to be listed on Attachment 5 to qualify for loan repayment.
28.	Can you please clarify that an application can be submitted for	An application can be submitted for any of the specialties or related

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	any specialty, not just primary care specialties?	subspecialties that are in a specialty shortage area. (See attachment 5)
29.	Are inpatient psychiatrists eligible for Loan Repayment through DANY? Or only outpatient Psychiatrists?	Both inpatient and outpatient physicians are eligible as long as they meet the application requirements.
30.	Under the original DANY RFA Physicians had to be trained in NY State to qualify for the loan. Is this no longer a requirement?	Correct. This is no longer a requirement in the 2011 RFA.
31.	Under the original DANY RFA Physicians had to have completed Residency within 5 years of applying for the award. Is this also no longer a requirement?	Correct. This is no longer a requirement in the 2011 RFA.
32.	[Are there] restrictions on the schools that the Primary Care Physician's attended in order for them to be eligible for this practice and loan support? In other words, does the school or the residency completed have to be in New York State? Does the individual physician have to be a resident now of New York State?	No.
33.	The Health Care Committee of the State Senate met on May 17, 2011 to discuss making dentists eligible for the <i>Doctors Across New York Program</i> . What was the outcome?	Dentists are not eligible to apply for this funding opportunity.
34.	Geriatrics is not listed either under Primary Care or as a Specialty. Does it qualify under this program? If so, is it considered Primary Care or a Specialty? If a Specialty, in what counties is it considered underserved?	Geriatrics is generally considered primary care for the purposes of this RFA. As such, geriatricians are eligible for awards under this provided all other eligibility criteria as listed on page 7 of the RFA are also met.
35.	I am an Osteopathic Family Practitioner who is currently working in an underserved hospital as a hospitalist. I was wondering if I can apply for the physician loan repayment.	If your service in your current position in the underserved began prior to July 1, 2010, then, no. Otherwise, you would be eligible, provided all other eligibility criteria as listed on page 7 of the RFA are also met.
36.	Can a physician still be eligible for an award under DANY if he was hired before 7/2010, but if the site he works at is nevertheless underserved?	No, a physician cannot be working in an underserved area prior to 7/1/2010.
37.	If the recruited physician currently works, and has worked prior to July 2010 in a county (not the applicant's county) that is a designated HPSA, but most of the county is not a designated MUA/P; and the physician's worksite is located in the HPSA county but is not in a designated MUA/P; is the physician eligible for the Physician Loan Repayment program?	No, the physician would not be eligible.

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38.	We are considering extending an offer of employment to a Canadian citizen physician to work at our office in the city of Buffalo who is finishing up residency at the University at Buffalo. Would this physician be eligible for the Doctors Across New York Physician Loan Repayment Program if they were here on a J1 visa or other such visa?	No, this physician and any physician on a visa would NOT be eligible. Only U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents are eligible for the DANY program.
39.	I am a PGY2 of internal Medicine program at Woodhull Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY, and I will graduate on June 30th, 2012. I am interested in this program (DANY) and I will know if I can apply with [an] H-1B visa.	No, you must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
40.	Currently I am chief resident in state university SUNY in GERIATRICS I wanted some more information on whether I am eligible to apply as I am inclined to serve in the rural community being on J 1 visa holder.	No, you must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
41.	If approved for a 2 year DANY Loan Repayment under the Practice Support RFA (#1103141142), would I be still be eligible for other Loan Repayment funding (under this RFA) from other organizations such as the National Health Service Corps or the Regents Physician Loan Forgiveness Award Program?	No, you would not be eligible for DANY funding if you receive Loan Repayment funding from another source that would require a service obligation where any portion of that service obligation would coincide or overlap with the service obligation under DANY.
42.	As a general surgeon in a medically underserved area in Buffalo, would I be eligible for the DANY Loan Repayment Program or is this limited to primary specialties only? Are surgeons located at the Erie County Medical Center, Buffalo, NY, eligible for this program? We are not listed in the Attachment of underserved specialties and some questions have come up. I don't see Onondaga County listed as a county for a sub specialty. Does that make [me] ineligible?	Specialty clinicians are eligible to apply, provided all other eligibility requirements are met (page 7).
43.	Does the physician have to come from a practice area that is not underserved or come to a practice area that is underserved?	The physician cannot currently be working in or serving an underserved area in New York State where the current service began prior to July 1, 2010.
44.	On Page 26 of the RFA, Section g has the following question included: "If the start date is prior to 7/1/10, is the current position located in or does it serve an underserved area in New	This is correct. See the answer to question 43.

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	<p>York State? Yes No N/A”. What is the purpose of this question? It seems to imply that if Physicians were working for a healthcare system prior to July 1, 2010, but didn’t work in an underserved area until after July 1, 2010 they could still qualify for this program. Is that correct?</p>	
45.	<p>I am a primary care general internist at Bellevue Hospital in Manhattan, where at least 40% of my patients are uninsured and at least 80% or more are underserved, with large homeless and immigrant populations. I spend three months a year as an inpatient hospitalist on house staff (resident) services, with the same amount of uninsured and underserved patients. I finished residency in 2010 and I began working here on July 6, 2010, after the deadline in your criteria. Do I qualify to apply to use the funds for Loan Repayment ?</p>	<p>Yes, as long as you meet all of the eligibility criteria.</p>
46.	<p>Can physicians already recruited and working for or at a hospital facility be eligible for the loan forgiveness funding?</p>	<p>Yes, if the physician was not hired prior to July 1, 2010 and meets the eligibility requirements.</p>
47.	<p>Can a hospital apply for Loan Repayment for a recently recruited physician who is already set up in a practice?</p>	<p>Yes, if the physician was not hired prior to July 1, 2010 and meets the eligibility requirements.</p>
48.	<p>In this RFA, do health systems/hospitals have to contract with a physician prior to applying for an award instead of applying for a specific site and identifying a physician later?</p>	<p>Yes, the physician MUST be identified prior to application submission, and the physician must have an executed employment contract with the applicant institution.</p>
49.	<p>Is a Geriatrician who is board eligible or board certified in primary care or general internal medicine eligible for funding under Primary Care?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
50.	<p>I am completing my first year as a family medicine resident in New York State. I will not graduate from my residency program until June 2013. Can only residents who will graduate before December 2012 be named as part of the residency tract program?</p>	<p>Yes. Residents who complete residency programs, as well as all other physicians, must begin service no later than December 31, 2012.</p>
51.	<p>I am an attending physician working for a non-profit organization that has clinics throughout the 5 boroughs of NYC to provide care in underserved areas; This organization employs about 20 other physicians. Based on the eligibility requirement, I would not be eligible because I</p>	<p>You are correct that you would not be personally eligible to apply, but your organization and its identified clinicians would be eligible if they met all the minimum eligibility criteria on pages 6 and 7 of the RFA.</p>

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	started working there in 2009. But can my organization apply?	
52.	I am a pediatrician interested in applying for The Doctors Across New York Physician Loan Repayment Program. I am taking a [fulltime] job at Harlem Hospital in the pediatric/neonatology department. I will be working my 40 hours in large shifts over four days. I will be performing shifts greater than 12 hours at a time. I have about \$75,000 in medical school loan debt which I hope will be paid off through this or the Practice Support grant.	You are eligible to apply for the DANY Loan Repayment program as long as you meet all of the eligibility requirements.
53.	Can I apply even though I have an application pending with NHSC for a site in Syracuse, NY?	You can apply for, but you cannot accept a loan repayment position from BOTH this program and the NHSC where any point of the obligation periods would overlap.
54.	Previous awards - What is the average award amount in past DANY loan repayment program cycles?	\$132,000.
55.	A private practice group is about to contract with a physician who was previously contracted in Cortland last year (starting date was Sept. 2010 so I think the timeline works.) She said the family health network in Cortland was scheduled to receive funds from the program but never did. The candidate tells me that it was solely for practice support and that the funding ran out. The only award for Cortland that I see was for an OB/GYN at Cortland Regional. Is there any way I can check on this? Would you have any way of checking by her name to see if funding was received?	The practice to which you refer, the Ob-Gyn Associates of Ithaca, had its 2009 practice Support award rescinded because it had not identified a clinician in the allotted time. Therefore, no funding was received by this facility.
56.	Service Obligation - The RFA defines Full-Time Clinical Practice as providing at least 35 hours of service (with a minimum of 32 clinical hours) per week for at least 48 weeks per year. Normally we contract with MDs for 44-46 weeks per year.	All physicians must work for at least 48 weeks per year as per the full-time eligibility requirements defined in the RFA.
57.	Is it possible for an entity to qualify for funding by providing two or more identified specialty medical services in a shortage area in a part-time manner, as long as they equate to the required total of 32 clinical hours per week?	No, one physician must provide at least 35 hours of service (with a minimum of 32 clinical hours) per week at least 48 weeks per year. (page 4)
58.	On page 7, under "Start Date," it says can't be prior to July 1,	No, the employment start date for the position submitted in the

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	2010. Should that be July 1, 2011?	application cannot be prior to July 1, 2010.
59.	Since Continuing Medical Education (CME) is devoted to improving a physician's treatment of patients during clinical work, can one week devoted to CME be considered part of the required 48 weeks per year of clinical practice? Put differently, if a physician devotes 47 weeks to clinical work and one additional week to CME to strengthen clinical skills, will that fulfill the 48 weeks per year of clinical work required by DANY?	No. The contract that a clinician with a DANY award will subsequently execute with the State of New York will specify that the 48 weeks are for full-time clinical services and are exclusive of vacation and all other leave time, including CME. CME must contractually be taken in the up to 4 weeks annually devoted to leave.
60.	What flexibility do applicants have in matching the service area to the applying physician's practice?	The service area is where the physician is practicing or intends to practice.
61.	What is the earliest possible start date for a new physician hired under the program if a hospital submits their application on July 27, 2011? Please confirm the start dates for employment and the service obligation.	The start date of the contract with NYS and the service obligation is on or after October 1, 2011. If a physician is hired by an organization prior to that date, the 5 year obligation will begin on or after October 1, 2011, and the clinician's 5 year contract with NYS will begin on or after October 1, 2011.
62.	Can the identified physician's 32 hours full time clinical practice include direct, onsite supervision of Family Medicine residents at the Family Medicine continuity teaching practice which is located in an MUA?	Yes, as long as the identified physician meets the minimum eligibility criteria as listed on page 7 of the RFA.
63.	If a physician works part-time in two DANY designated areas for a total of 35 hours could the physician still apply for the DANY program?	Yes, provided that all other eligibility criteria are met, including that BOTH sites qualify as underserved.
64.	Underserved areas - RE: page 30 of RFA Attachment 3: 2. Proposed Site Location; 3. Proposed Specialty - Must the applicant meet any or all of the criteria for proposed specialty if the physician is a Primary Care or OB/GYN? The physician we are considering is an OB/GYN in an underserved urban area with a high Medicaid population. There may be other similar type physicians in close proximity but possibly not any that will serve underserved Medicaid patients.	Please see the application instructions, page 18 of the RFA for Attachment 3. OB/GYN is generally considered primary care.
65.	What is your criterion for determining whether a Doctors Across New York placement site is providing "service to" a service area that meets Loan Repayment Program need criteria,	As in the Practice Support RFA, and also pertaining to the loan repayment RFA, <i>Service to or service in</i> an underserved area means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The facility or practice is located within 20 miles by car (Rest of

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	<p>if the site itself is not physically located within the service area? Must an overwhelming number of the site's patients reside in the service area? What about 50%? What if the percent of patients is less than 50%, but still a significant number, and there are no primary care services available within the service area?</p>	<p>State) or 5 miles (NYC) of the approximate center of a geographic underserved area; (based on documentation from http://www.mapsonus.com or similar website); AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The identified physician, facility or physician practice will serve a predominantly underserved population (e.g., approximately 50% or more of annual total visits are from Medicaid recipients, the uninsured, Child Health Plus recipients, Family Health Plus recipients, the chronically ill, migrant health workers, isolated rural populations, residents of HPSAs/MUAs, or other clearly-defined underserved populations).
66.	<p>In Attachment 3, Section 2, item m: What is defined as primary care visits for the Emergency Department? Would all Immediate Treatment Center visits be considered primary care? Are there certain CPT codes that define primary care? What exact data would you like us to include?</p>	<p>For primary care facilities, we are asking if, in that facility, greater than 35% of all clinic visits for a period of 4 months or more resulted in emergency department referrals.</p>
67.	<p>RE: page 30 of RFA, Attachment 3: 2. Proposed Site Location (i) for Primary Care Providers Only - Can you clarify the following: "Site is designated as a primary care Health Professional Shortage facility but is not located in a geographically designated HPSA area"? I called HRSA and they said that if a health care facility address is located in a HPSA, then the facility is designated as a Health Professional Shortage facility. When I put the address of our Buffalo clinic in the HPSA search tool - the result is that it is located in a HPSA and MUA, and based on my call to HRSA, the facility would then be a HPSA facility - how do we indicate this in the application under 2. Proposed Site Location?</p>	<p>If you are requesting loan repayment for a primary care physician, then you would check item 1a. on Attachment 3, and provide documentation as requested on pages 18 and 19 of the RFA. But you could not ALSO check item 2i, as your facility, based on the question, is located in an area HPSA. Those with facilities designated on their own as a facility HPSA are listed by facility name on http://hpsafind.hrsa.gov/HPSASearch.aspx.</p>
68.	<p>Is the waiting time for services (attachment 3, statement of need) based on the service area in general or the particular practice in which they are placing a physician?</p>	<p>It should be based on the service area of the practice.</p>
69.	<p>Page 6 of the Practice Support RFA (#1103141142) defines a NYS Regents Physician Shortage Area (RPSA) as an underserved area. If the proposed Site Location is a clinic within a NYS Regents Physician Shortage Hospital, does this qualify the site as being located in an underserved area?</p>	<p>No, the site must meet the required criteria listed on page 1 of the Practice Support RFA (#1103141142), in addition to meeting the required additional criteria in the application materials and the RFA See RFA change to page 6 (as clarified on page 1 of the Practice Support RFA document on</p>

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		http://www.nyhealth.gov/funding/rfa/1103141142/index.htm).
70.	In Attachment 3, Section 2, Proposed site location, we must check at least 2 items. We are a HPSA facility and we ARE located in a HPSA area. Can we not check i & j?	No, you cannot check A and B as one applies to primary care providers and the other to mental health providers. See also the answer to question 67.
71.	RE: page 19 of RFA regarding definition of a "rural hospital" and Attachment 3: Statement of Need; 2. Proposed Site Location (k) for rural health providers only - If a physician is employed in a clinic within a hospital that is located in a county that is listed in Attachment 6 along with specific rural towns, however, the clinic/hospital is not located in any of the listed towns but the clinic/hospital's service area includes one or more of the towns; can the "site location" qualify as a "rural hospital"?	No. "Rural hospital" is specifically defined in the RFA on page 19. The service site (the clinic) may qualify as a rural non-hospital provider if it can reasonably show that it serves one or more of the rural towns listed based on the definition for " <i>Service to or service in an underserved area</i> " listed in the answer to question 65.
72.	I want to open a practice in the Commack area of Suffolk County NY. Is this area eligible for funds for a general internal medicine practice (which obviously will be focused on primary/preventive care)?	That depends upon what case you make for underservice at that location, using the required application forms.
73.	What is the definition of an underserved area in the Loan Repayment RFA? The Physician Practice Support definition is: An underserved area is defined as an area in which any two of the following criteria apply: Primary Care or Mental Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA); or Medically Underserved Area (MUA) or Medically Underserved Population (MUP); or Any area with a physician specialty shortage defined in Attachment VIII of this RFA (which corresponds to the Regents Non-Primary Shortage Areas by County); Any area that meets the criteria listed in Attachment III Statement of Need items d. through h.	The definition for this RFA is the same.
74.	For the loan repayment RFA, is it a minimum eligibility requirement that an underserved area be a specialty shortage or rural area as listed in attachments 5&6? (See Q. 7 Practice Support Q&As, and Service to an Underserved Area definition in the Practice Support RFA). Does the clarification regarding underserved area on page 1 of the Practice Support Q&As apply to the Loan Repayment RFA as well? If so, re: attachment 3	The definition of underserved areas, as listed in the Practice Support RFA, and also listed in the answer to question 67, is the same definition for the purposes of this RFA. Specialty shortage or rural areas are one of several ways in which a site seeking an award may be eligible. Please review the RFA, pages 18-20, for how to complete attachment 3.

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	items d-h: do all of these need to be checked, to meet the definition of underserved area or can one or two be checked?	
75.	It appears that the list of specialty shortage areas for Clinton County is outdated and antiquated. It is not reflective of the current situation, and will not assist us in recruiting desperately needed specialists. Our needs, which have been consistent for a number of years, include neurology, dermatology, rheumatology, endocrinology and psychiatry. CVPH Medical Center respectfully requests permission to submit applications for neurology, dermatology, rheumatology, endocrinology and psychiatry for this grant opportunity. This will allow us to capitalize on DANY grant dollars to pursue recruitments, which will support our current community need.	The list of Specialty areas, Attachment 5 on page 32 of the RFA, is not the sole criteria for eligibility for an award for specialty positions. Please review the eligible items that define an underserved service area on Attachment 3, page 29 of the RFA for additional possibilities that may be applicable to your service area.
76.	My husband is an employee of Jamaica Hospital and works in one of their medical facilities that is not considered an underserved area. He has been an employee prior to July 1, 2010. Is he eligible for any part of the Loan Repayment Program? Can he apply for the Loan Repayment Program and be assigned by the Jamaica Hospital to an underserved area within the guideline timeframe?	The physician (or the sponsoring facility) must apply for loan repayment in the position and at the location in which he is currently working. If that position and service location are not demonstrably in an underserved area as defined in the application, he would not be eligible for an award.
77.	What exactly is meant by a site that is "designated as a primary care Health Professional Shortage facility (HPSA), but is not located in a geographically designated HPSA area?"	There are facility HPSA designations that are different and separate from those that pertain to geographic areas. Facilities designated as HPSAs would be listed by name on the HPSA website, http://hpsafind.hrsa.gov/HPSASearch.aspx .
78.	On Page 19 of the RFA, "ViaHealth of Wayne" is listed as a service area in a county with a population of less than 200,000 persons, or in a town with less than 200 persons per square mile. Is this referring to Newark Wayne Community Hospital or the Medical Group?	This refers to the Newark Wayne Community Hospital only.

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79.	Our office is part of New York City’s Human Resources Administration (HRA) and we have a program called the Visiting Psychiatric Service (VPS) staffed by psychiatrists who are NYC employees and who provide home based psychiatric evaluation and crisis intervention services to adult clients being serviced by HRA and other designated external agencies. In the past the VPS had been designated as an MUA in the past for purposes of NYS physician loan forgiveness and loan repayment programs. Some existing and potential new psychiatrists have educational loans. Would our psychiatrists be eligible to apply, given they are New York City employees?	Yes, as long as they are not employed by New York State (the determining factor will be whether or not a State entity issues the physician’s paycheck) AND all areas in which the visiting clinician will serve are clearly denoted on the application.
80.	I have not yet located the exact office space where I hope to practice, can I still apply for funds?	Yes, but you must identify the general location of the practice on the application.
81.	The RFA states in the application requirements that an individual must be a physician “not currently working in or serving an underserved area in NYS where the current service began prior to July 1, 2010...” Would that mean that only psychiatrists on staff who began working for us after 7/1/10 or who have yet to be hired would be eligible to apply?	Yes, that is correct, assuming your facility is located in an underserved area.
82.	In reference to page 8 – the RFA states that Applicants will “Identify specialties in short supply in, or serving, underserved areas;” Does this mean the applicant can choose a specialty that is not on Attachment 5 for the loan repayment grant? For the purposes of this grant, would you please define underserved area?	Yes, the applicant can choose a specialty that is not on Attachment 5. As for the definition of underserved area, see the Practice Support RFA, page 6. (http://www.nyhealth.gov/funding/rfa/1103141142/index.htm).
83.	If a hospital is the applicant and the site location is a clinic within the hospital, can the Statement of Need documentation for Attachment 3, item 2 Proposed Site Location (page 30 of RFA) be based on the clinic; i.e. percentages for the site’s visits for indigent care, wait times, etc.?	Yes, the information should be provided for where the physician will be physically working.
84.	For a practice that is serving an underserved area, under the Loan Repayment RFA must it be located within 20 miles (rest of state) of the underserved area as indicated in the Practice Support RFA definition of Service to or service in an underserved area?	Yes.

