

New York State Department of Health
 Doctors Across New York
 Physician Loan Repayment Program Request for Applications (RFA) #1104181147
 Questions and Answers – AMENDED August 31, 2011

Questions 27 and 28 are amended to read as follows:		
Question Number	Category/Question	Answer
27.	<p>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?</p>	<p>No. The specialty does not have to be listed on Attachment 5 to qualify for loan repayment. Any physician, of any specialty or sub-specialty, may apply for a loan repayment award under this RFA.</p> <p>However, if the applicant’s specialty is listed in Attachment 5, it can be used as one of 2 qualifying criteria in this section, i.e., Attachment 3, item 1c. counts toward the minimum of 2 eligible criteria in section 1 if the specialty is listed in Attachment 5. If not, applicants who are not mental health or primary care clinicians may also check, and must document any of items 1d. through 1h. if applicable.</p>
28.	Can you please clarify that an application can be submitted for any specialty, not just primary care specialties?	Please see question 27 above.

The following clarifications are also added:

Page 7 of the RFA is amended as follows (*change in italics*):

“To apply for an award, applicants must meet **one of** the following **minimum** eligibility requirements:

- General hospital or other health care facility licensed by NYSDOH or operated or licensed by municipal or county government; or
- Solo or group physician practice organization located in New York State; or
- An individual physician who is **all** of the following:
 - a U.S. citizen or permanent resident; and
 - licensed to practice in New York State, *except in the case of residents or fellows identified by a teaching hospital in a track application. In that case, the resident or fellow does not have to be licensed to apply for an award, but must be licensed when beginning obligated service under this program;* and
 - not fulfilling an obligation under any state or federal loan repayment program where the obligation periods of the state or federal loan repayment program would overlap or coincide with the DANY obligation period, including the DANY Practice Support Program; and

- not currently working in, or serving, an underserved area, where the current service to the underserved began prior to July 1, 2010; and
- in good standing with the NYSDOH Office of Professional Medical Conduct

Page 19 of RFA is amended as follows:

“For Section 3, items q., s., or t., submit a statement signed by a principal of the facility attesting to the conditions checked. For Item r., attach documentation, labeled 3r, including a distance map from <http://www.mapsonus.com>. For Item u., See https://apps.nyhealth.gov/statistics/prevention/quality_indicators/mapaction.map for details; attach the web page, labeled 3u., as applicable.”