



Primary Care Service Corps (PCSC) WEBINAR

Request For Applications (RFA) Overview

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Please Note!



Information contained in this slide presentation is for summary purposes only. For complete information, refer to the Request for Applications (RFA) located on:

<http://www.health.ny.gov/funding/rfa/1205031010/index.htm>

PCSC at a Glance



- Open to non-physician clinicians who provide primary care, oral and outpatient behavioral health services;
- Must work for a not-for-profit facility in a federally-designated area (HPSA);
- Up to \$60,000 (\$30,000 part time) to repay qualified educational debt in return for a minimum two-year work commitment;
- Applications accepted May 1, 2013, through June 28, 2013 (rolling basis).
- Approximately 33 awards available in SFY 13-14.

Know Before You Apply:



- Review ALL documents carefully on <http://www.health.ny.gov/funding/rfa/1205031010/index.htm>;
- Double-check your eligibility:
 - ✓ Citizenship/discipline requirements;
 - ✓ Licensing requirements;
 - ✓ Site requirements/start date of service;
 - ✓ HPSA requirements;
 - ✓ Full time vs. part time; and
 - ✓ Current loan repayor status/breach of service.
- Review the sample contract AND default criteria carefully.
- All questions MUST be asked by 4/8/13. Substantive questions CANNOT be answered thereafter.

PCSC Background



- Arose from workforce recommendations of the State's Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT).
- Service-obligated loan repayment program to increase the supply of non-physician clinicians who practice Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs).
- \$1 million in funding for the PCSC in the 2012-13 New York State budget.
- Another \$1 million anticipated in the 2013-14 budget.

PCSC Program Priorities



- Enhanced clinician recruitment and retention in NY's Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs);
- Incentivize the placement of clinicians:
 - in sites that effectively accommodate patients of diverse ethnicities, the disabled, and other underserved populations; and
 - who, in addition to English, speak languages common to the target population.



Eligible PCSC Clinicians



- General and Pediatric Dentists/Dental Hygienists
- Primary Care Nurse Practitioners
- Primary Care Physician Assistants
- Certified Nurse Midwives
- Clinical Psychologists
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists
- Licensed Mental Health Counselors

Eligible PCSC Service Sites



- Must be in a HPSA;
- Must encompass primary care, general or pediatric dentistry or generic behavioral health;
- Outpatient or correctional facility settings only;
- Services must be available to all residents of the HPSA, irrespective of ability to pay;
- NYS facilities generally ineligible.

NYS Shortage Areas



- New York has, evenly spread across NYS:
 - 98 HPSAs for primary care;
 - 27 dental HPSAs;
 - 53 mental health HPSAs
- Total shortage of health practitioners – just to remove all HPSAs - is 845 FTEs.
- 1,551 required to remove over-utilized status;
- Demand rising for health practitioners in light of federal health care reform, which may add 1 million additional people to system.
- <http://datawarehouse.hrsa.gov/GeoAdvisor/ShortageDesignationAdvisor.aspx> to see if your site is in a HPSA

PCSC Clinician Eligibility



- Meet the educational, licensing and work requirements in Sections 3.1 and 3.5 of RFA;
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident;
- Adhere to the service/site requirements detailed in section 3.6;
- Not be a participant in other government loan repayment programs;
- Not be in breach of any health professional service obligation; and
- Not working in, or serving, a HPSA, either in the site for which an award is requested or any other site, where the service began prior to July 1, 2012.

PCSC Service Obligation



- Full-time - not less than 40 hours per week for at least 45 weeks per year.
- Part-time - not less than 20 hours, but not more than 39 hours of service per week for at least 45 weeks per year.
- A minimum of two years for full-time and part-time participants.
- Applicants for part-time obligations may opt for a four-year obligation.
- Applicants who have successfully met their two-year contractual obligations can extend contract for up to three additional years, regardless of full-time or part-time status, for a maximum of five years.

PCSC Awards



- 33 in first round; awards tax-exempt.
- **Years 1 and 2:** 50% of total qualifying debt annually, up to the maximum shown below.
- **Years 3 through 5:** The balance of remaining debt annually, up to the maximum.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
Full -time Award	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$32,500	\$32,500	\$25,000	\$150,000
Part-time Award	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$16,250	\$16,250	\$12,500	\$75,000

PCSC Application Content



- Attachment 1, Application Checklist (1 page)
- Attachment 2, Application (5 pages); and
- A copy of the fully-executed employment contract between the eligible facility and the clinician seeking PCSC loan repayment funding; and
- A copy of the applicant's current, full, permanent, unencumbered, unrestricted license and registration and certification (as applicable) to practice in the relevant discipline in the State of New York OR proof of pending license, registration, and/or certification (as applicable).

PCS Application Period



- May 1, 2013 – June 28, 2013 (rolling)
- Applications accepted by mail or email at any time during application period, or until funds are exhausted, whichever comes first.
- Two applications accepted per program site, with one application per clinician.
- Program sites will be defined by geographic address or NYS operating certificate number.

PCSC Application Scoring

Attachment 2 item	Applicant Action	Maximum Points
k. Languages	Listed and documented languages in addition to English	15 (5 for each additional language spoken, up to 3)
p. HPSA	Completed and Documented “Name and ID No. of Health Professional Service Area (HPSA)” and site is located in a HPSA	60
r. Diversity – work environment	Checked and documented any items in list	10 (1 point for each item checked and documented)
s. Diversity – patient base	Completed, persuasive narrative	15
Total	Passing score is 60.	100

PCSC Questions and Answers



- Substantive questions asked today will be recorded and answered by the “Q and A available date” on the first page of the RFA.
- Other questions may be emailed to sch_loan@health.state.ny.us by the date on the cover of the RFA.
- **No phone calls accepted for substantive questions!**
- Technical questions, submitted by phone or email, answered until 6/28/13.

PCSC Contract Terms



- Between NYSDOH and the clinician;
- Initial term of two years (four years if part-time option elected);
- Payments made in six-month increments;
- Reports will be due every six months;
- Annual reports also due showing repayment of qualifying educational debt;
- Substantial penalties for default.

Deferral and Default



- Must request permission to defer in writing from NYSDOH.
- Any deferral periods granted are added to the term of obligation.
- Defaulting clinician shall, within one year of defaulting, repay the State of New York the greater of either \$31,000, or the sum of:
 - The proportionate amount of the loan repayments paid to the Contractor representing any period of obligated service not completed; AND
 - \$7,500 multiplied by the number of months of obligated service not completed; AND
 - Interest.

Recap: Key Dates

RFA Release Date	March 15, 2013, at 12:00 p.m. on http://www.health.ny.gov/funding/rfa/1205031010/index.htm
Questions Due	April 8, 2013, by 5:00 p.m. to sch_loan@health.state.ny.us or New York State Department of Health Primary Care Service Corps Corning Tower, Room 1695 Albany, NY 12237-0001
RFA Updates and Q&As Posted	April 22, 2013, by 5:00 p.m.
Applications Due	May 1, 2013 – June 28, 2013 (rolling)



Questions?

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