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## **STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**HRSA has opened their STAR (Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery) Loan Repayment Program for applications.**

### **DEADLINE July 7, 2022**

This is a unique opportunity because eligible disciplines extend not only to clinicians but also paraprofessionals. This program provides loan repayment to medical, nursing, behavioral/mental health clinicians and paraprofessionals who provide direct treatment or recovery support of patients with or in recovery from a substance use disorder. Providers must work full-time at a STAR approved facility (I believe all ME's FQHCs are STAR active sites) in a:

- County/municipality where the average drug overdose death rate exceeds the most current national average overdose death rate per 100,000 people, as reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (all of ME's counties except Waldo)
- or Mental Health Professional Shortage Area (MHPSA).

\*\*Full-time employment is defined as a minimum of 40 hours/week, for a minimum of 45 weeks each service year. Of the 40 hours/week, a minimum of 32 hours must be spent providing direct treatment or recovery support of patients with or in recovery from a substance use disorder at the STAR LRP-approved facility, during normally scheduled office hours.

Other Loan Repayment links:

### **Maine:**

[Governor Mills Announces \\$4 Million Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan Initiatives to Offer Student Loan Repayment Assistance & Bolster Scholarships for Health Care Careers | Office of Governor Janet T. Mills](#)

### **Federal:**

- [Current Loan Repayment Recipients | NHSC \(hrsa.gov\)](#)
- [Prospective Loan Repayment Recipients | NHSC \(hrsa.gov\)](#)
- [State Loan Repayment Program \(SLRP\) | NHSC \(hrsa.gov\)](#)
- [Apply to the Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Loan Repayment Program | Bureau of Health Workforce \(hrsa.gov\)](#)