Eligibility Guidelines

To be considered for an award, the applicant must be a current licensed healthcare provider (physician or dentist) or dental student, physician or dental resident or physician fellow graduating by June 30, 2020.

For current physicians, the applicant must:

- Have an unrestricted license and be in good standing with the Medical Board of California or the Osteopathic Medical Board of California
- Be an active enrolled Medi-Cal provider without existing suspensions, disbarments or revocations or have submitted an application to become a Medi-Cal provider
- Have graduated from an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) approved residency program and/or completed a fellowship within the last five years (on or after January 1, 2015)
- Have existing educational loan debt incurred, while pursuing their medical degree
- Not currently be participating in another loan repayment program
- Practice in California
- Maintain a patient caseload comprised of a minimum of 30% Medi-Cal beneficiaries and within 10% of the Medi-Cal patient caseload proposed in their application, if awarded
- Be employed, self-employed or have a validated offer of employment

For current physician residents or physician fellows, the following must be true as of June 30, 2020:

- Have an unrestricted license and be in good standing with the Medical Board of California or the Osteopathic Medical Board of California
- Be an active enrolled Medi-Cal provider without existing suspensions, disbarments or revocations or have submitted an application to DHCS to become an active enrolled Medi-Cal provider
- Have graduated from an ACGME approved physician residency program, and/or completed a fellowship program
- Have existing educational loan debt incurred while pursuing their medical degree
- Not currently be participating in another loan repayment program
- Practice in California
- Maintain a patient caseload comprised of a minimum of 30% Medi-Cal beneficiaries and within 10% of the Medi-Cal patient caseload proposed in their application, if awarded
- Be employed, self-employed or have a validated offer of employment

For current dentists applying for loan repayment, the applicant must:

- Have an unrestricted license and be in good standing with the Dental Board of California
□ Be an active enrolled Medi-Cal provider without existing suspensions, disbarments or revocations or have submitted an application to DHCS to become an active enrolled Medi-Cal provider

□ Have graduated from dental school or residency program within the last five years (on or after January 1, 2015)

□ Have existing educational loan debt incurred while pursuing their dental degree and/or dental residency program

□ Not currently be participating in another loan repayment program

□ Practice in California

□ Maintain a patient caseload comprised of a minimum of 30% Medi-Cal beneficiaries and within 10% of the Medi-Cal patient caseload proposed in their application, if awarded

□ Be employed, self-employed or have a validated offer of employment

For current dental students or dental residents, the following must be true as of June 30, 2020:

□ Have an unrestricted license and be in good standing with the Dental Board of California

□ Be an active enrolled Medi-Cal provider without existing suspensions, disbarments or revocations or have submitted an application to DHCS to become an active enrolled Medi-Cal provider

□ Have graduated from a dental school program or dental residency program

□ Have existing educational loan debt incurred while pursuing their dental degree

□ Not currently be participating in another loan repayment program

□ Practice in California

□ Maintain a patient caseload comprised of a minimum of 30% Medi-Cal beneficiaries and within 10% of the Medi-Cal patient caseload proposed in their application, if awarded

□ Be employed, self-employed or have a validated offer of employment

For dentists applying for the practice support grant, the applicant must:

□ Have an unrestricted license and be in good standing with the Dental Board of California

□ Be an active enrolled Medi-Cal provider without existing suspensions, disbarments or revocations or have submitted an application to DHCS to become an active enrolled Medi-Cal provider

□ Have graduated from dental school or a residency program within the last fifteen years (on or after January 1, 2005)

□ Not currently be participating in another loan repayment program or practice support grant

□ Practice in California

□ Maintain a patient caseload comprised of a minimum of 30% Medi-Cal beneficiaries and within 10% of the Medi-Cal patient caseload proposed in their application, if awarded

□ Expand and open new practice, relocate current practice or establish a new practice in one of the targeted counties