



## Healthcare Worker Loan Relief Program of the Commonwealth

Administered by the University of Kentucky  
Center of Excellence in Rural Health

The Healthcare Worker Loan Relief Program of the Commonwealth is a new funding opportunity designed to increase recruitment and retention of healthcare professionals to practice in under-served areas of Kentucky.

### Applicants must be from one of the following disciplines:

- ✓ Primary Care Clinicians: MD/DO, PA, NP, CNM, RN
- ✓ Dental Care Clinicians: DDS/DMD, RDH
- ✓ Behavioral/Mental Health Clinicians: MD/DO, LCSW, LPCC, HSP, MFT, NP, PA, PNS
- ✓ Alcohol/Substance Use Clinicians: Counselors
- ✓ Pharmacy Clinicians: RPh/PharmD
- ✓ Optometrists: OD
- ✓ Ophthalmologists: MD/DO
- ✓ Audiologists: Au. D
- ✓ And Other Specialties Considered

The UK Center of Excellence in Rural Health (CERH) serves as the administrator for the Healthcare Worker Loan Relief Program of the Commonwealth.

### Eligibility

- ✓ U.S. citizen or U.S. national working in Kentucky.
- ✓ Trained and licensed to provide direct patient care in an eligible discipline and specialty.
- ✓ Currently employed (or will be employed by the applicant eligibility set date, for each application cycle) at an eligible site.
- ✓ Practice 24-40 hours a week, up to 4160 hours over a 2-3 years period, providing primary health services at an eligible site.
- ✓ Have no existing service obligations.

### Maximum Loan Repayment Amounts

The process for determining award amounts, will be tiered based on provider type, student loan debt level, and other factors.

### Application Window

Applications are accepted throughout each year and are rolling with biannual consideration.

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