The Hawaii/Pacific Basin Area Health Education Center is pleased to announce the *Hawaii State Loan Repayment Program*, a grant funded under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010. The *Hawaii State Loan Repayment Program* will offer primary health care providers the incentive to provide care at designated Health Professional Shortage Areas in Hawaii in order to receive assistance in repayment of educational loan debt.

Health care professionals will be selected to receive loan funding of up to $40,000.00. All will be obligated to commit to 2 years of service at HSLR sites. HSLR sites are public or non-profit private entities located in and providing health services in health professional shortage areas, known as HPSA's. In addition to caring for the community they serve, recipients are expected to be involved with workforce development activities. To learn more about HPSA’s, visit: [http:hpsafind.hrsa.gov/](http:hpsafind.hrsa.gov/)

The Hawaii State Loan Repayment Program will improve the number of primary care providers in medically underserved areas of Hawaii. It will improve the retention of health care providers in medically underserved areas by lessening the burden of large debt preventing many from choosing primary care careers in these areas.

**New applications will be accepted in July by visiting [http://www.ahec.hawaii.edu/](http://www.ahec.hawaii.edu/) and applying online.**

**Who’s Eligible?**

Physicians; Nurse practitioners & Physician’s Assistants.

Physician specialties: family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, geriatrics, or psychiatry. Nurse practitioners and physician assistant’s specialties: adult, family, pediatrics, psychiatry/mental health, geriatrics, or women’s health