The Hawai‘i /Pacific Basin Area Health Education Center is pleased to announce the Hawai‘i State Loan Repayment Program, a grant funded under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010. The Hawaii State Loan Repayment Program offers primary care providers up to $40,000 a year in loan repayment to provide care at designated Health Professional Shortage Areas in Hawaii.

Health care professionals selected are obligated to commit to 2 years of service at HSLR sites. HSLR sites are public or non-profit private entities located and providing health services in health professional shortage areas, known as HPSA's. In addition to caring for the community they serve, recipients are involved with workforce development activities such as training and mentoring.

The Hawai‘i State Loan Repayment Program will improve the number of primary care providers in medically underserved areas of Hawai‘i and will improve the retention of health care providers in medically underserved areas by decreasing the burden of large debt. Such debt may prevent future doctors from choosing primary care careers in underserved areas. But no longer!

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

online applications are accepted during open enrollment period at www.ahec.hawaii.edu

Eleven health care providers were selected for the 2nd year of the Hawai‘i State Loan Repayment Program each receiving up to $40,000 in student loan repayment in exchange for working in a Health Profession Shortage Area in Hawaii for 2 years. A total of $394,474 will be allocated for these eleven providers. The eleven consist of seven APRNs, one obstetrician, one psychiatrist, and two pediatricians. There are seven providers on Oahu, one in Molokai, one on Maui, one on Lanai, and one on Big Island.

This is in addition to last year’s recipients who included two Family Nurse Practitioners, one Internist, and two Family Doctors. Three providers were from Oahu, one from Big Island and one from Maui.

For more information about the program, visit www.ahec.hawaii.edu
In order to accomplish our goals, the Hawai‘i /Pacific Basin AHEC enjoys partnerships with 63 elementary and high schools, 20 undergraduate schools and 6 graduate schools including the UH Schools of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, Social Work, Psychology, Department of Public Health Sciences and College of Education. Additional partners include: 23 CHCs, the Hawaii Primary Care Association, the Hawaii Department of Labor, the HRSA regional office, NIH, the Hawaii State Rural Health Association, the Hawaii Department of Education, Papa Ola Lokahi, the Native Hawaiian Center of Excellence, Pacific Island Health Officers’ Association (PIHOA), Imi Ho’ola Program, Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) and the Hawaii Public Health Association. Don’t see your group here? Let us know, we are always seeking more partners!

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