

Washington Health Corps

2020

The Washington Health Corps program expands health care in rural and underserved areas.

Washington Health Corps helps the state attract and retain licensed health professionals to serve in critical shortage areas in Washington State by providing educational loan repayment assistance. The 2019 Legislature added a subprogram for behavioral health professions that is in development and will make awards in 2020.

Two programs—with different requirements—provide educational loan repayment assistance.



Requirements	State Health Program (SHP)	Federal Health Program (FHP)
Funding source	State funds only	Federal funds matched with state dollars
Maximum award	\$75,000	\$70,000
Minimum service obligation	3 years	2 years
Minimum work week	24-hour work week, service obligation is prorated	40-hour work week
Default penalty	An amount equal to the unsatisfied portion of the service obligation, or the total amount paid by the program on participant's behalf, whichever is less	(months NOT served x \$7,500) + interest Minimum \$31,000 payback
Days away from clinic	40 days per contract year	Approximately 35 days per contract year
Eligible sites See provider reference guide for full details.	Optional: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) designation Nonprofit Posted and implemented sliding fee schedule 	Required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) designation Nonprofit Posted and implemented sliding fee schedule
Eligible providers	Same eligible providers as FHP PLUS Licensed Midwife Naturopathic Doctor (ND) Licensed Practical Nurse Chiropractor	DDS or DMD, Registered Dental Hygienist, MD, DO, Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, Registered Nurse, Pharmacist, Certified Nurse Midwife, Clinical Psychologist*, Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker*, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist*, Licensed Mental Health Counselor* *Requires a full independent license. Individuals with the associate level, restricted credential are not eligible.

Three-Step Process



2020 Application Timeline

