Washington Health Corps

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.

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

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<th>Requirements</th>
<th>Federal Health Program (FHP)</th>
<th>State Health Program (SHP)</th>
<th>Behavioral Health Program (BHP)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Funding source</td>
<td>Federal funds matched with state dollars</td>
<td>State funds only</td>
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<td>Maximum award</td>
<td>$70,000</td>
<td>$75,000</td>
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<td>Minimum service obligation</td>
<td>2 years</td>
<td>3 years</td>
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<td>Minimum work week</td>
<td>40-hour work week</td>
<td>24-hour work week, service obligation is prorated</td>
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<td>Default penalty</td>
<td>(months NOT served x $7,500) + interest Minimum $31,000 payback</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Days away from clinic</td>
<td>Approximately 35 days per contract year</td>
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Eligible sites

Required:
- Federal Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) designation.
- Nonprofit.
- Posted and implemented sliding fee schedule.

Optional:
- HPSA designation.
- Nonprofit.
- Posted and implemented sliding fee schedule.

Eligible providers

- DDS or DMD, Registered Dental Hygienist, MD, DO, Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, Registered Nurse, Pharmacist, Certified Nurse Midwife, Substance Use Disorder Professional, Licensed Clinical Psychologist*, Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker*, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist*, Licensed Mental Health Counselor*.
- All same eligible providers as FHP PLUS Licensed Midwife, Naturopathic Doctor (ND), Licensed Practical Nurse, Chiropractor
- ONLY Substance Use Disorder Professional, Nurse Practitioner specializing in mental health, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Licensed Mental Health Counselor

*For FHP only, indicated provider types require a full independent license. Individuals with the associate level, restricted credential are not eligible.

2022 Timeline

- Jan. 2022: Provider application opens
- Mar. 2022: Provider application closes
- Mar. 2022: Applicant & site eligibility certification begins
- Apr. 2022: Eligibility certification ends
- June 2022: WSAC notifies participants
- July 2022: New participant contracts begin

Three-Step Process

1. New sites apply and request pre-approval status.
2. Health providers apply when the application cycle opens.
3. Sites certify and provide information.

Note: Site preapproval application is now open year-round.