RFA: Doctors Across New York Physician Loan Repayment and Physician Practice Support Programs (Cycle VII)

OVERVIEW

On February 6th, the New York State Department of Health (DOH) Division of Workforce Transformation released a Request for Applications (RFA) for the Doctors Across New York (DANY) Physician Loan Repayment (PLR) and Physician Practice Support (PPS) programs. These programs provide funding to help recruit physicians to and encourage them to remain in medically underserved areas of the State. Up to $9 million in total funding is available to:

- Eligible physicians to help pay for educational debt or the costs of establishing or joining medical practices; or
- Eligible health care facilities to recruit or retain physicians by providing sign-on bonuses, funds to repay educational debt, or enhanced compensation (100% of funding ultimately must be distributed to the physician or physician's practice).

In exchange for this funding, physicians must commit to practicing in the underserved area for three years.

The full RFA is attached. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until April 2nd.

FUNDING

Both PLR and PPS awards will provide up to $40,000 annually for three years to or on behalf of a physician who agrees to practice in an underserved area for the three-year period (DANY service obligation period). DOH anticipates awarding approximately 75 three-year awards.

One-third of funding awarded through this RFA will be allocated to physicians practicing in New York City (in any of the five boroughs). The remaining two-thirds of funding will be allocated to physicians practicing in the rest of the State. At least 50% of available funds will be awarded to physicians working in general hospitals.

The DANY service obligation period is expected to begin on November 1, 2020 and to end on October 31, 2023.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible physicians (both physician applicants and physicians for which funding is being applied on their behalf by health care facilities) must be, among other requirements:

- A citizen of the United States or permanent resident alien;
- A graduate of an allopathic or osteopathic medical school;
- Licensed to practice medicine in New York State; and

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- Employed or seeking to join or establish a medical practice in an underserved area (as defined by Attachment 6 of the RFA).

Eligible health care facilities must be located in a <u>medically underserved</u> or rural area and be one of the following entities:

- A general hospital, D&TC, or a nursing home licensed by DOH;
- A facility certified by the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH);
- A facility certified by the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS); or
- A medical practice registered with the New York State Department of State as a Professional Corporation or Professional Limited Liability Corporation.

A health care facility operated by any other New York State agency or by the federal government is not eligible to apply. Health care facilities certified by OMH and those certified by OASAS will receive no more than 5% each of the funds awarded through this RFA.

No more than one application will be accepted from a single physician. No more than four applications will be accepted from a health care facility with the same operating certificate number or Department of State Identification Number. Physicians cannot have previously received DANY PLR or PPS funding and cannot have worked in any underserved area prior to April 4, 2019.

APPLICATION

Proposals will be evaluated on a Pass/Fail basis. DOH staff will review applications in the order in which they are received.

Timeline

Applications may be submitted starting March 5th and will be accepted until April 2nd. Awards will be announced in summer 2020. Responses to submitted questions will be posted on Grants Gateway on February 27th.