# North Dakota Federal State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)

## Program Description
SLRP is a State/Federal partnership to aid in the placement of primary care providers in areas of greatest need.

## Eligible Disciplines in North Dakota
- Family Medicine
- Internal Medicine
- Obstetrics/Gynecology
- Pediatrics
- General and Pediatric Dentists
- Registered Dental Hygienists
- Nurse Practitioners
- Physician Assistants
- Certified Nurse Midwives
- Health Service Psychologists
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Psychiatric Nurse Specialists
- Licensed Professional Counselors
- Marriage and Family Therapists
- Registered Nurses
- Pharmacists

## Where Providers Serve
Providers must practice in discipline specific Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs). Pharmacists and registered nurses must practice in Primary Care HPSAs.

## Application Requirements/Provider Selection Criteria
- Must be U.S. citizen.
- Must not have outstanding contractual obligations unless completed before the SLRP contract has been signed (this includes recruitment bonuses).
- Must not have a judgment lien against their property.
- Must not be excluded, debarred, suspended or disqualified by a Federal agency.
- Must not have defaulted on a Federal or State obligation or have debts written off as uncollectible.
- Must not have breached a prior service obligation or have not had any service or payment obligation waived.
- Graduated from an accredited training program in the U.S., its possessions, territories or Canada.
- Approved/licensed by discipline specific licensing boards.
- Achievement of matching funds.
- Accept Medicare and Medicaid assignment.
- Agree to practice two years in selected area.

## Community Selection Criteria
- Community must be located in a HPSA.
- Accept Medicare & Medicaid assignments.
- Provide a two-year provider contract.
- Site charges professional services at the usual and customary prevailing rates in the area
  - Site must offer a reduced rate or no fee for persons unable to pay for services.
  - Site must provide 1:1 matching funds.
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| Eligible Sites | Federally-Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) ~ FQHC Look-Alikes  
Rural Health Clinics ~ Critical Access Hospitals  
State/County Mental Health Hospitals ~ Long-Term Care Facilities  
Community Outpatient Facility ~ Community Mental Health Facility  
State/County Health Department Clinic ~ Free Clinic School-based Health Clinic  
Indian Health Service Clinic ~ Tribal Health Clinic  
Urban Indian Health Clinic ~ Solo or Group Private Practices  
State or Federal Correctional Facilities ~ Mobile Units  
Immigration and Customs Enforcement Health Clinic |
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<td>Financial Benefits</td>
<td>For qualifying loans, applicant may receive up to $50,000/year for a two-year commitment (site provides 1:1 match).</td>
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| Payments | • 1st payment will be made at the end of the first year of service obligation, by June 30th.  
• 2nd payment will be made at the end of the second year of service obligation in accordance with applicable laws. |
| Service Commitment | Must practice two-years in selected community. |
| Application Deadline | Applications are reviewed quarterly. |
| Penalty | If the provider breaches this loan repayment contract, the penalty is based on the amounts paid to participants for periods not served/ the number of months not served multiplied by $7,500 and the interest. Participants are considered to be in default if they do not complete the period of obligated service at an eligible site in accordance with their SLRP contract, or otherwise fail to comply with the terms of the contract, even if no monies have yet been disbursed to the participant. |
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