

MDC-LARP is a student loan repayment program for dentists and dental hygienists.

Like similar physician repayment programs, **MDC-LARP provides student loan repayment assistance to dentists and dental hygienists for treating Maryland's most vulnerable populations.** MDC-LARP aims to increase access to oral health care services for Maryland Medical Assistance Program (MMAP) recipients by increasing the number of dentists and dental hygienists treating this population.



Award Amounts:

- **\$50,000** for Dentists: 3-year commitment, full-time, 40 hours
- **\$25,000** for Dentists: 3-year commitment, part-time, 20-39 hours
- **\$10,000** for Dental Hygienists: 2-year commitment, 40 hours
- **\$5,000** for Dental Hygienists: 2-year commitment, 20-39 hours

Service Obligation:

- Serve three years as a dentist or two years as a dental hygienist in a full-time or part-time eligible dental practice site(s);
- Treat a minimum of 30% MMAP recipients as a portion of the total patient population;
- Be enrolled in MMAP's Maryland Healthy Smiles Dental program (dental hygienists to be supervised by a Medical Assistance Provider);
- Keep record of all patients treated (MMAP and non-MMAP) and provide monthly written reports to the Maryland Department of Health Office of Oral Health; and
- Comply with the State Board of Dental Examiners and CDC Infection Control protocols, including the requirement of weekly spore testing and monthly or quarterly waterline testing.

Eligibility:

- Be employed full-time (40 hours) or part-time (20-39 hours) as a dentist or dental hygienist in Maryland;
- Have received a dental or dental hygiene degree from a college or university in Maryland, or an accredited dental school in the U.S.;
- Possess a valid, unrestricted license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in the State of Maryland at the time the service obligation begins;
- Have not breached a service obligation to a federal, state, or local government entity;
- Have no unserved obligations for service to a federal, state, or local government, or to another entity, except for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Primary Care Loans, Exceptional Financial Need Scholarships, and Financial Assistance for Disadvantaged Health Professions Students programs;
- Have outstanding, eligible higher education loans; and,
- Not be in default on any eligible higher education loan.



The MDC-LARP application cycle opens in March and closes in July. For more information, including application documents, visit: health.maryland.gov/phpa/oralhealth/Pages/mdc-larp.aspx.

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