



Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program Advisory Council for Physicians and Physician Assistants

April 30, 2026

Agenda

- I. Opening Business and Remarks
- II. Program Updates
- III. Discussion
 - A. Revenue Source Development
 - B. NPI Project
 - C. Breach Penalties

- I. Next/Action Steps
- II. Open Discussion with Public Comment
- III. Adjournment

Introductions/ Roll Call

I. Council Members

1. Name
2. Affiliation
3. Interest in council

II. Guests

Please note your name and affiliation, as relevant, in the chat box

Administrative Reminders

Meeting Recording

Posted to council webpage for 2/4/2026

Council Webpage

<https://health.maryland.gov/pophealth/Pages/MLARP-Advisory-Council-for-Physicians-and-Physician-Assistants.aspx>

Google Share Drive

Shared to members; contact

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access

Mandated Activities

[SB626 \(2022\)](#), Article – Health – General §§ 24–1701 – 1708

The Council Shall:

- (1) Seek permanent and diverse revenue sources to aid in the stability and further development of the Program;
- (2) Help ensure maximum use of Federal funds;
- (3) Use available data and information to help direct funding to priority areas;
- (4) Monitor similar loan programs in other states and ensure that the Program remains competitive;
- (5) Assist the Department in the administration of the Program;

Mandated Activities Continued

The Council Shall:

(6) Help market and raise awareness of the Program through educational institutions and other appropriate entities as an incentive to health care providers to practice in underserved areas;

Administratively, the Council shall:

(1) Meet at least three times per year

(2) On or before October 1 every three years, the Council shall report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the activities of the Council and recommendations on any necessary changes to the Program

MLARP Advisory Council (Living) Work Plan

Timeframe	Presentations/ Discussion	Mandate Area
Annual Cycle		
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Application cycle results- Preliminary profile of applicants/ awardees- Cement/ approve October 1 report for submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Assist in the administration of MLARP- Report to Governor & Legislature
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Marketing preparation/plan for winter implementation- Member marketing action steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Market and raise awareness of the Program- Monitor similar loan programs
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Evaluation plan review/ improvements- Application cycle preparation- Member action steps toward 10/1 report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Direct funding to priority areas- Monitor similar loan programs- Maximize use of Federal funds
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Revenue source review- Member action steps to expand revenue sources- Preliminary recommendations for 10/1 report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Revenue sources- Direct funding to priority areas

Program Updates

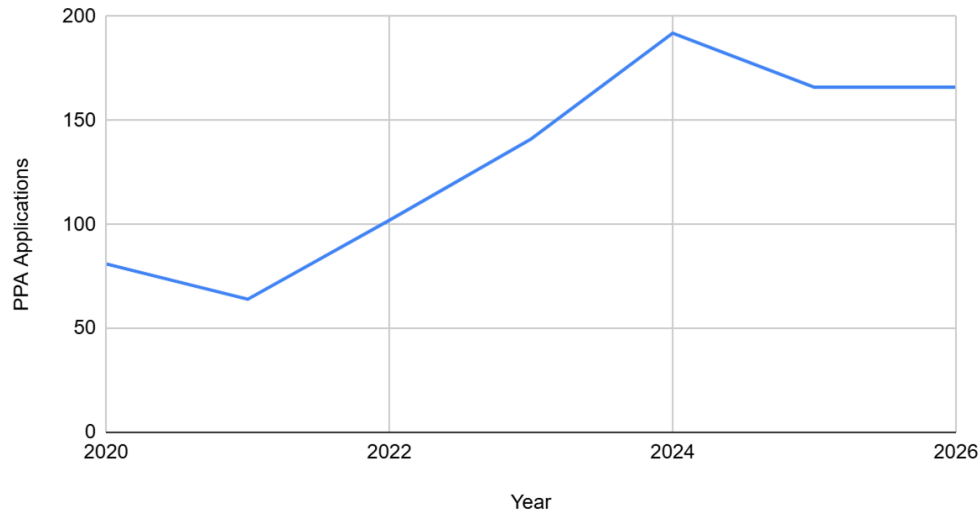
Team Updates

Workforce Incentive Programs Team

- Interns (Summer 2026; UMD MPower)
 - 2026 Application/Award Profile
 - 2026 Longitudinal Study

FY2027 Application Cycle

- Total Applications Received: 594
 - Physicians: 79
 - Physician Assistants: 87



- Complete Applications: 365
- Complete and Eligible: # Pending

FY 2027 Funding Projections

FY2027 Available Balance	1st years (FY27) available total	1st Years (FY27) available annual	2nd Years (FY26)	Total (1st & 2nd years)
SLRP (Federal HRSA Award) _{MD/DO, PA, APRN, RN}	Unknown	Unknown (NOA April)	\$69,770.25	Unknown
MLARP PPA	\$3,939,150*	\$1,969,575*	\$1,340,075.50	\$5,279,225*

* Inclusive of an FY27 expected legislative appropriation of \$1 million GF and \$2 million SF

MLARP Regulations

- [Chapter 22 Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Physicians and Physician Assistants](#)
- [Chapter 23 Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Nurses and Nursing Support Staff](#)

2026 Legislative Session Updates

- **Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2026 (BRFA) ([Senate Bill 284](#))** amends Article – Health Occupations 14–207 (e), Board of Physicians Fund. For fiscal year 2027 only, \$2,000,000 of the Fund balance may be used to support the programs in the Office of Population Health Improvement within the Department.
- **Mandated Reports, Boards, and Commissions - Revisions ([HB 640](#), amendments linked [here](#)) amends Article - Health General 24–1708**

(a) In this section, “Council” means the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program Advisory Council for Physicians and Physician Assistants.

(g) On or before October 1 [each year], 2028 AND EVERY 3 YEARS THEREAFTER, the Council shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the activities and recommendations of the Council.”

Discussion

Revenue Source Development

Seek permanent and diverse revenue sources to aid in the stability and further development of the Program

2025 recommendations:

- Incorporate workforce development benefits such as educational loan repayment for healthcare professions into the AHEAD model.
- Broaden current MLARP PPA authorizing language to explicitly allow and invite funding sources to expand revenue sources.
- Include language in the MLARP PPA authorizing statute to specifically state participant exemption from state income tax, mirroring U.S. Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service practices
- Earmark State funds for the support of the costs associated with administration of MLRP operations.

MLRP Retention/NPI Project

Alumni 2020-2025

- Providers practicing in maryland: 96.05%
- Providers currently practicing in HPSAs: 55.92%
- Providers that were in a HPSA during their service obligation and still practice in a HPSA: 69.5%
- Providers practicing in rural areas: 25%

Breach Penalties

SLRP Funding:

- Shall pay to the State within twelve months of the date of the breach notification, with interest:
 - The full amount paid to, or on behalf of, the participant for the loan repayments for any period or obligated service not served;
 - An amount equal to the number of months of obligated service not completed multiplied by \$7,500; and
 - Interest on the above amounts at the maximum legal prevailing rate, as determined by the Treasurer of the United States, from the date of breach.
 - The total amount that the Department is entitled to recover shall not be less than \$31,000.
 - In addition to these penalties, the State of Maryland is entitled to recover costs, fees, and expenses for collection, including attorney's fees, as prescribed by State law or regulation.

Breach Penalties Continued

MLARP Funding:

- Shall pay to the State:
 - The full amount paid to, or on behalf of, the participant for the loan repayments for the entire year in which the breach occurred;
 - Repayment of all funds provided by the Department will be due and payable within one year of the default with no pro rata deduction for months worked within the service year that the breach occurred.
 - Interest on the above amount at the maximum legal prevailing rate, from the date of breach notification; and
 - The State of Maryland is entitled to recover costs, fees, and expenses for collection, including attorney's fees, as prescribed by State law or regulation.
 - Amounts not paid within one year of the breach of contract may be subject to any collection method authorized by law.
- For both funding sources:
 - a. Breach of Service Obligation is reported to relevant occupational board for the participant (i.e. Maryland Board of Physicians or Board of Nursing)

Next Steps

Next Steps – Meeting Schedule

- Wednesday August 5, 2026; 11:00 a.m.
 - Focus:
 - 2026 Application cycle review
- 2026 meetings: 2/4, 4/30, 8/5, 10/7

Open Discussion

Questions:

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Adjournment