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

October 7, 2026

Agenda

I. Opening Business and Remarks
II. Program Updates
    - Fiscal Year 2027 (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027) Participants
I. Discussion
    - Program Marketing/ Outreach
I. Next Steps
II. Open Discussion with Public Comment
III. Adjournment

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Introductions/ Roll Call

- Workgroup Members
  - Name
  - Affiliation
- Guests
  - Please note your name and affiliation, as relevant, in the chat box

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Administrative Reminders

Meeting Recording

Posted to workgroup webpage for 8/5/2026 meeting

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

Google Share Drive

Shared to members; contact bridget.henderson@maryland.gov if unable to access

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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;

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Mandated Activities (cont'd)

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

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MLARP Advisory Council (Living) Work Plan

Timeframe	Presentations/ Discussion	Mandate Area
Annual Cycle		
August	- Application cycle results - Preliminary profile of applicants/ awardees - Cement/ approve October 1 report for submission (every 3 years)	-Assist in the administration of MLARP -Report to Governor & Legislature (due every 3 years)
October	- Marketing preparation/plan for winter implementation - Member marketing action steps	- Market and raise awareness of the Program - Monitor similar loan programs
February	-Evaluation plan review/ improvements -Application cycle preparation -Member action steps toward 10/1 report	-Direct funding to priority areas -Monitor similar loan programs -Maximize use of Federal funds
May	- Revenue source review - Member action steps to expand revenue sources - Preliminary recommendations for 10/1 report	- Revenue sources - Direct funding to priority areas

Program Updates

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FY 2027 Awards

Total MLRP Service Obligations: 247

- 2nd year obligations: 123 (54 PPA)
- 1st year obligations: 130 (78)

MLRP PPA FY27 1st Year: 78

- Physicians: 30
- Physician assistants: 48
- 55 full time (≥ 40 hours per week)
- 23 part time (<40 hours per week)

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MLRP Funds Balance – PPA

Resource	Description	Obligated FY27	Obligated FY28
SLRP (Federal HRSA Award)	Physicians, PAs, NPs, CNMs, RNs	1st years: $366,428	1st years: $367,610.00 (Spring 2027 application cycle)
		2nd years: $69,770.25	2nd years: $69,770.25
MLARP-PPA	Physicians, PAs, Final Year Residents	1st years: $1,994,947.00	1st years: unknown (Spring 2027 application cycle)
		2nd years: $1,409,846	2nd years: $1,994,947.00

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Discussion

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Program Marketing and Outreach

Statute: 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

-New one-pager for MLRP

(located in shared drive)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RrmvrdIiUQpjlaL8eK-EcRkmytwSon1V/view?usp=drive_link

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Discussion (details)

- Marketing strategies
  - Schools
  - AHECs
  - Organizations
- Funding does not currently meet demand

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Next Steps

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Next Steps (details)

Meeting Schedule

- 1st Wednesday of the month: Feb., May, August, October
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- 2027 schedule: 2/3, 5/5, 8/4, 10/6

Focus for Next Meeting

- Application cycle preparation (Open March 1 - April 15, 2027)

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Open Discussion

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Adjournment

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