



Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Physicians and Physician Assistants Workgroup

October 28, 2020



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Introductions

The Workgroup will abide by/ follow:

- Maryland Public Ethics Law
- II. Financial Disclosure Filing Exemption, with Reminders
- III. Robert's Rules of Order
- IV. Maryland Open Meetings Act



Introductions/ Roll Call

- I. Workgroup Members
 - 1. Name
 - 2. Affiliation
 - 3. Interest in workgroup
- II. Guests

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



Opening Remarks



Review of Statutory Mandate and Timeline



Current Loan Repayment Programs

Administered by MDH Office of Workforce Development:

I. Maryland State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP): Federally-funded program through HRSA's Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

II. Maryland Loan Repayment Assistance Program for Physicians and Physician Assistants (MLARP): Currently State-funded, provides 1:1 match for SLRP



Review of Statutory Mandate and Timeline

Mandated Activities

- I. Examine how the State can implement a program within or in addition to MLARP to further incentivize medical students to practice in health professional shortage areas and medically underserved areas in the State:
 - A. Review medical school student debt experienced in the United States and in Maryland;
 - B. Examine other models for physician recruitment and retention that operate in other states, including how these models are funded and how to improve the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program to ensure that the Program is competitive with other states;
 - C. Examine and recommend methods to incentivize medical students to commit to practicing in medically underserved areas in the State before entering a residency program or on graduation from medical school; and
 - D. Investigate the availability of other federal grants to further expand loan repayment and loan forgiveness for other health professionals in Maryland.
- II. Recommend a permanent funding structure to the General Assembly; and
- III. Recommend on the structure of a permanent advisory council



Review of Statutory Mandate and Timeline

Timeline

- On or before December 1, 2020, submit an interim report of findings and recommendations
- On or before December 1, 2021, submit a final report of findings and recommendations, including recommendations on the structure of a permanent advisory council and a permanent funding structure



Work Plan for Deliverables



Next Steps



Next Steps

- Selection of Workgroup Chair
- Meeting Schedule

 Note: Please continue to upload relevant resources and data to the workgroup's dedicated Google Drive



Open Discussion



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Adjournment

