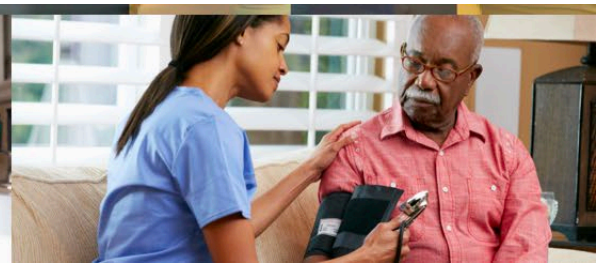
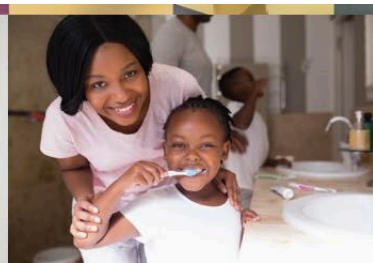
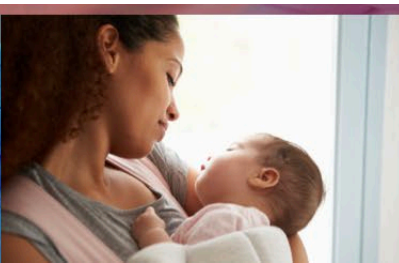




# Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program Advisory Council for Physicians and Physician Assistants

August 2, 2023



# Agenda

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- I. Opening Business and Remarks
- II. Discussion
- III. Next Steps
- IV. Open Discussion with Public Comment
- V. Adjournment

# Introductions/ Roll Call

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## 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

# Administrative Reminders

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## Meeting Recordings

Posted to workgroup webpage for 5/3/2023

## Workgroup Webpage

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

## Google Share Drive

Shared to members; contact

[sara.seitz@maryland.gov](mailto:sara.seitz@maryland.gov) if unable to access

## **Mandated Activities**

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[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**

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

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# Program Update



# 2023 Application Cycle

## 2023 Application Cycle: SLRP, MLARP PPA, MLARP NNSS

Applications and Award Offers	All Licensures (PPA & NNSS)	PPA	% of Submitted Applications	% of PPA Applications
Apps Received	295	141	47.8%	N/A
Complete	233	126	54.1%	89.4%
Complete and Eligible	192	107	75.9%	84.9% of complete apps
Awards Offered 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Obligations	128	43	% of Award Offers: 33.6%	40.2% of complete/eligible apps
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Obligations	26	26	100%	N/A

PPA: Physicians and Physician Assistants  
NNSS: Nurses and Nursing Support Staff

# MLRP Funds Balance – PPA

Resource	Description	Available for 2023 App Cycle	Obligated FY24	Obligated FY25	Remaining
SLRP (Federal HRSA Award)	Physicians, PAs, NPs, CNMs	\$526,628.99	- 1 <sup>st</sup> years: \$259,708	- 1 <sup>st</sup> years: 2024 application cycle	\$642,693 + FY25 allocation
			- 2 <sup>nd</sup> years: \$319,227	- 2 <sup>nd</sup> years: \$319,227	
MLARP-PPA	Physicians, PAs, Final Year Residents	\$3,453,676	- 1 <sup>st</sup> years: \$1,415,439	- 1 <sup>st</sup> years: 2024 application cycle	-\$43,214 + FY25 allocation
			- 2 <sup>nd</sup> years: \$709,227	- 2 <sup>nd</sup> years: \$1,415,439	

# Program Updates

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- Staffing Updates
- Marketing Materials Development
- Regulations Development

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# Discussion

# General Assembly Report

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## Report Elements

- I. Introduction
- II. Background
  - A. Maryland Loan Repayment Programs
  - B. MLARP PPA Workgroup
  - C. MLARP PPA Advisory Council
- III. Key Activities
  - A. Seek Permanent and Diverse Revenue Source
  - B. Help Ensure Maximum Use of Federal Funds
  - C. Assist in Administration of the Program
  - D. Help Market and Raise Awareness of the Program
- IV. Advisory Council Recommendations
  - A. Permanent Funding Structure
  - B. Operational
- V. Conclusion

# General Assembly Report

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## Proposed Recommendations for Discussion/ Revision

- **Recommendation 1:** The State should work as part of the Maryland Health Model (Total Cost of Care) negotiations with the Federal Government to include authority for the Health Services Cost Review Commission to fund loan repayment through rate setting.
- **Recommendation 2:** The State should work with the Federal Government to allow for use of Medicaid funds for this purpose.
- **Recommendation 3:** The General Assembly and Governor should include an operational budget allocation above current levels on a recurring basis.
- **Recommendation 4:** The General Assembly and Governor should include an operational budget allocation to cover Office of Health Care Workforce Development staffing for recruiting and retaining Maryland's healthcare workforce.

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# Next Steps

## **Next Steps**

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- 2023 Meeting Schedule
  - Wednesday, October 4, 2023; 11:00 a.m.
  - Discussion: MLARP marketing
- Action Steps
  - Draft report finalization
  - Regulations for review in coming months
  - Marketing plan



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# Open Discussion

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# Adjournment