



August 29, 2023

Dear Tribal Leader:

I am pleased to share that the Indian Health Service (IHS) is accepting applications for its fiscal year (FY) 2024 IHS Loan Repayment Program (LRP).

Annually, the IHS awards loan repayment to health care professionals in allopathic medicine, osteopathic medicine, nursing, advanced practice nursing, dentistry, behavioral health, rehabilitative services, podiatry, optometry, pharmacy, and more, in exchange for loan repayment.

Beginning on October 1, 2023, interested applicants will be able to apply online at [www.ihs.gov/loanrepayment/applynow](http://www.ihs.gov/loanrepayment/applynow). Please direct them to the IHS LRP Web site, which provides a comprehensive list of eligible professions at [www.ihs.gov/loanrepayment/eligiblehealthprofessions](http://www.ihs.gov/loanrepayment/eligiblehealthprofessions).

Authorized awards of the IHS LRP provide up to \$50,000 total in exchange for a 2-year, full-time, service obligation. In addition, the IHS LRP provides an extra 24 percent in taxes paid directly to the Internal Revenue Service on behalf of an awardee.

In FY 2022, the IHS awarded more than \$38 million, which represented 1,093 loan repayment awards to eligible health care professionals. Of this total, 541 were new 2-year awards and 552 were 1-year contract extensions. Of the 1,093 loan repayment awards made, 707 awards went to employees working directly for tribally operated health care facilities.

I am asking for your help in widely sharing this opportunity among your medical and community-based networks. As you may be aware, the IHS LRP gives priority consideration to American Indian and Alaska Native applicants who are members of federally recognized Tribes. These vital health professions training resources are critical for expanding access to care and addressing clinical shortages in our communities.

If you have any questions, please directly contact Ms. Jackie Santiago, IHS LRP. Ms. Santiago can be reached by telephone at (301) 443-3396, or by e-mail at [jackie.santiago@ihs.gov](mailto:jackie.santiago@ihs.gov).

Sincerely,

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