

211.165 Program for repayment of educational loans for primary health-care professionals who agree to serve in federally designated health professional shortage areas.

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall establish a loan repayment program to repay educational loans for primary health-care professionals who agree to serve in federally designated health professional shortage areas. The program shall:

- (1) Apply for federal funds for the program under the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. sec. 254g-1);
- (2) Make payments of qualifying educational loans of health professionals agreeing to provide primary health services in federally designated health professional shortage areas;
- (3) Assign health professionals only to public and private nonprofit entities;
- (4) Enter into contracts with participants with remedies for breach of contract by the health professional; and
- (5) Make available nonfederal contributions towards contracts with individual health professionals in an amount not less than one dollar (\$1) for each one dollar (\$1) of federal funds provided. In meeting this matching fund requirement, the state shall provide fifty percent (50%) of the state's share from state funds, and the remaining fifty percent (50%) shall be provided from local governments or other community-based resources from the area in which the health professional will be serving.

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