

**DOCTORS ACROSS NEW YORK
PHYSICIAN LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM (LRP)**

RFA #0810080408

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
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The following questions and answers encompass ADDITIONAL questions submitted in writing via email and those questions asked at the six sites of the Applicant Conference on October 24, 2008 (Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Saranac Lake, East Syracuse and New York City) pertaining to the LRP RFA. These questions were received before the October 30, 2008 due date, but inadvertently left out of the original postings.

The responses to questions included herein are the official responses by the State to questions posted by potential bidders and are hereby incorporated into the RFA 0810080408 issued on October 17, 2008. In the event of any conflict between the RFA and these responses, the requirements or information contained in these responses will prevail.

CHANGES AND CLARIFICATIONS TO RFA:

The RFA is hereby revised as follows:

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GENERAL DEFINITIONS:

Q1. If a physician applies for a loan [repayment award] individually, who should be signing as the representative of the hospital? Should it be the Chief of Medicine for that group, a Partner in the Practice, Human Resources, etc?

A: A physician applying individually (i.e., who is seeking an employment opportunity in an underserved area) would sign the application on behalf of him or herself.

Q2. What is the definition of "Contractor?" Is it the hospital/Private Practice that employs the Physician? If so, does the Contractor have to complete portions of the information in the application even if it is completed by the Physician individually? If that is the case, what is the Contractor supposed to provide in order for the application to be considered complete?

A: In all cases, the physician would be the contractor for loan repayment awards. In that sense, the "applicant" (see definitions, page 3) is different from the contractor in that facilities may apply for loan repayment awards, but may not contract with NYSDOH for loan repayment funds.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION:

Q3. [Re: Project Impact, RFA item 5, page 20]: If the loan [repayment award] is requested by an individual physician, should the physician talk about what he/she will bring to the table to help improve the care for the underserved area in this section? What type of “project” is the physician expected to outline?

A: At a minimum, we would like to see a discussion of how the physician will help improve the care for the underserved, using as specific, quantifiable data and indicators as possible to use as proposed impacts (e.g., reduced ER use, decreased wait times for routine appointments, reduction in the number of preventable conditions relative to the physician’s specialty, etc.).

PHYSICIAN ELIGIBILITY:

Q4. Can a Physician who is currently employed at a Practice apply for [a] loan [repayment award] or does it have to be a Physician who is interested in either starting his/her own practice or join in a practice in the future? Can a Practice who already has a Physician employed at their Practice apply on behalf of that Physician for this loan or does it have to be for a new recruit?

A: Yes. Physicians and physician practices are eligible to apply, whether the physician in question is currently employed, or looking to join or establish a practice. To be eligible, the targeted physician’s current service, if to an underserved area, must have begun after May 1, 2008.