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Dear Tribal Leader:

I am pleased to share that the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has launched its 2026 application cycles for the following loan repayment programs:

- [National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Programs](#) (Application deadline: March 31, 2026)
- [Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program](#) (Application deadline: March 12, 2026)

I am asking for your help in sharing these opportunities.

This year, \$16.9 million in **National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Programs** awards will be dedicated to supporting clinicians serving at Indian Health Service facilities, tribally-operated 638 health programs, and urban Indian health programs. The application cycle is open for three programs: the [NHSC Loan Repayment Program](#), the [NHSC Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program](#), and the [NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program](#).

These programs offer primary, medical, dental, and behavioral health clinicians the opportunity to have their student loans repaid while earning a competitive salary in exchange for serving in urban, rural, or tribal communities with limited access to care. Tax-free financial support, ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000, is provided in exchange for 2 to 3 years of full-time or half-time service at an approved site.

HRSA's **Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program** offers loan repayment to registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, and nursing faculty in exchange for a 2-year service commitment at a health care facility with a critical shortage of nurses (or, for nurse faculty, an eligible school of nursing). Awardees receive payments totaling 60 percent of their qualifying nursing school loan balance and up to an additional 25 percent of their original loan balance for an optional year of service.

I ask that you share this information with health professionals, nurse clinicians, and health care facilities in your communities. Additionally, they can [sign up](#) for emails.

If you have questions, please [contact us](#). Thank you in advance for sharing these important funding opportunities. HRSA remains committed to working with Tribal Nations to support increased access to health care services in Indian Country.

Sincerely,

/s/ Thomas J. Engels

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Administrator