

loan owed by a physician who engages in primary care in the State or by a medical resident specializing in primary care who agrees to practice for at least 2 years as a primary care physician in a geographic area of the State that has been designated by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene as being medically underserved with the funds transferred to the Administration by the Comptroller under § 14-207(c)(2)(i) of the Health Occupations Article.

(2) A physician who engages in primary care is not precluded from receiving assistance from the Administration under subsection (b) of this section.

(3) Any unspent portions of the money that is transferred to the Administration for use under this section from the Physician Quality Assurance Fund may not be transferred to or revert to the General Fund of the State, but shall remain in the Fund maintained by the Administration to administer these programs to assist physicians engaged in primary care as specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(d) An applicant for assistance in the repayment of a commercial loan shall demonstrate to the Administration that the commercial loan was used for tuition, educational expenses, or living expenses for graduate or undergraduate study.

(e) Assistance in the repayment of a loan from an entity set forth in § 18-1501(c)(2) of this subtitle shall require the approval of the Administration.

18-1503.

(a) The State Scholarship Administration shall adopt regulations to establish:

(1) The maximum starting income for eligibility in the JANET L. HOFFMAN Loan Assistance Repayment Program;

(2) The maximum total income for eligibility in the JANET L. HOFFMAN Loan Assistance Repayment Program, including any additional sources of income;

(3) That priority for participation in the Program shall be given to an individual who:

(i) Graduated from an institution of higher education in the last 3 years;

(ii) Is a resident of the State;

(iii) Is employed on a full-time basis; and

(iv) Provides, as the principal part of the individual's employment, legal services to low income residents in the State who cannot afford legal services, nursing services in nursing shortage areas in the State as defined in § 18-802 of this article, or other services in an eligible field of employment in which there is a shortage of qualified practitioners to low income or underserved residents or areas of the State;

(4) A limit on the total amount of assistance provided by the State Scholarship Administration in repaying the loan of an eligible individual, based on the individual's total income and outstanding higher education loan balance;