

(i) Is approved to operate by the Maryland Higher Education Commission; and

(ii) Produces graduates eligible to take the appropriate national examination for licensure, certification, or registration in the relevant health occupation determined to be in short supply.

(4) "Health occupation" means a:

(i) Physical therapist;

(ii) Occupational therapist;

(iii) Radiographer;

(iv) Respiratory therapist;

(v) Laboratory technician;

(vi) Medical technologist;

(vii) Pharmacist; [or]

(viii) Registered nurse or licensed practical nurse; OR

(IX) PHYSICIAN WHO ENGAGES IN FAMILY PRACTICE.

(b) (1) There is a Health Manpower Shortage Incentive Grant Program for eligible institutions.

(2) The State Scholarship Administration shall administer the Grant Program as provided in this section.

(3) In consultation with the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Administration shall adopt regulations to implement the Grant Program.

(c) An eligible institution is qualified to receive a grant under this section if the institution:

(1) Has an approved education program leading to licensure, certification, or registration in a health occupation determined to be in short supply; and

(2) Funds the approved education program at an amount not less than the preceding fiscal year.

(d) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, an eligible institution shall receive a grant in the amount of \$1,500 for each student who graduates from an approved education program leading to licensure, certification, or registration in a health occupation determined to be in short supply, that is in excess of the total number of students who graduated from the approved education program at that eligible institution during academic year 1990-91.