

# Looking for Money for College?

Students considering a career in health care need to understand loan forgiveness. Many health professionals use loan forgiveness to help with school debt.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) funds two types of programs: the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) and the State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP). The programs help medical workers pay off student loans through employment in underserved communities. These communities are called Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs). Each community designated as a HPSA receives a HPSA Score which influences the level of loan forgiveness a health provider receives.

HPSAs exist across the United States and include rural and urban communities. Since healthcare worker shortages exist in a number of occupations, many workers stand to benefit including the following professions:

- Primary Care Physicians
- Registered Nurses, Nurse Practitioners and Physicians Assistants
- Dentist and Hygienists
- Psychiatrists, Psychologists and Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Registered Dietitians
- Pharmacists

When looking at healthcare careers, don't let college costs be a barrier. For more information and to keep up-to-date on current opportunities, go to the following web sites:

## **National Health Service Corps (NHSC)**

<http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/>

## **State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)**

<http://www.nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/stateloanrepaymentprogram/index.html>

