



**1) I have staff that are medical doctors but not a psychiatrist or nurse practitioner. Are they eligible for the OMH Community Mental Health Loan Repayment Program (OMH CMHLRP)?**

No. Only psychiatrists or psychiatric nurse practitioners working for an eligible program within one of the specified regions and settings within New York State are eligible for the OMH CMHLRP.

**2) Is there a due date for applications to be submitted?**

No, applications will be accepted until all awards have been made. Applications are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. If all awards have not been made by February 28, 2023, at the sole discretion of the Commissioner of the Office of Mental Health, the awards may be reallocated to any other region/applicant with a waitlist.

**3) Do the staff have to be a new hire to qualify or would staff currently employed be eligible?**

Either. If the staff are eligible, whether a new or existing hire, you will be able to apply.

**4) Will applications be accepted with part-time psychiatrists or psychiatric nurse practitioners?**

Yes, applications for part-time employees will be accepted. However, if the employee works less than full-time, the award should be proportionally reduced based on the eligible program's definition of full-time staff.

**5) Is an electronic signature acceptable?**

Yes.

**6) Are funds received from OMH CMHLRP taxable?**

No. Loan repayment funds under the OMH Community Mental Health Loan Repayment Program are exempt from Federal and State Taxes.

**7) How are the funds for the awards distributed?**

Under the OMH Community Mental Health Loan Repayment Program, funds are disbursed directly to the eligible program to manage distribution as obligated in the employer-employee agreement.

**8) What is the payment schedule?**

Eligible programs with eligible psychiatrists may receive up to \$120,000 over 3 years, payable upon award execution, educational debt levels and semi-annual employment verification reports. Eligible programs with eligible psychiatric NPs may receive up to \$30,000 over 3 years, payable upon the same above-mentioned criteria. Payments will be made in yearly increments as follows:

- Payment 1 (Year 1): 1/3 of total qualified debt not to exceed \$40,000 for psychiatrist or \$10,000 for nurse practitioner.
- Payment 2 (Year 2): 1/3 of total qualified debt not to exceed \$40,000 for psychiatrist or \$10,000 for nurse practitioner.
- Payment 3 (Year 3): 1/3 of total qualified debt not to exceed \$40,000 for psychiatrist or \$10,000 for nurse practitioner.

**9) Can awards be applied retroactively?**

No.



**10) Are the staff we apply on behalf required to remain with us for all 3 years?**

Yes. However, the licensed program applying for such award can notify OMH of changes in assignment which may be considered at the Commissioner's discretion.

**11) Can I qualify if my staff have already paid their student loans in full?**

No. Your staff must be able to provide current debt information.

**12) How will I know if our applications have been received?**

A provider shall be notified in writing by OMH whether the application is accepted, rejected, or on waitlist. Licensed programs with applications that were rejected for being incomplete will be able to resubmit.

**13) How will I know any of our applications have been approved?**

All providers awarded OMH CMHLRP funds will be notified by email and/or U.S. mail.

**14) What happens if our staff cannot fulfill the 3-year commitment to practice required by the program?**

You would be required to notify OMH in writing. Staff who are unable to fulfill the 3-year commitment would no longer be eligible and additional payments would not be made. Obligated psychiatrists or psychiatric nurse practitioners who need to defer their service obligations (e.g., for maternity/paternity leave, military service, etc.) can be authorized permission from the licensed program to defer service obligations with notification to OMH but any deferral periods granted by OMH will be added to the obligated clinician's term of obligation.

**15) Can I withdraw my application?**

A provider may withdraw an application at any time by notifying OMH in writing.

Who do I contact if I have additional questions?

You can email your question to [OMH.CMHLRP@omh.ny.gov](mailto:OMH.CMHLRP@omh.ny.gov).