



# Office of Mental Health

## Community Mental Health Loan Repayment Program: Mental Health Clinicians

### CMHLRP 2026 MH Clinicians RFP Questions & Answers

Additional questions regarding this funding opportunity should be submitted to: [OMH.CMHLRP@omh.ny.gov](mailto:OMH.CMHLRP@omh.ny.gov).

The answers to questions received by 3/13/26 will be posted here.

Applications must be submitted to [OMH.CMHLRP@omh.ny.gov](mailto:OMH.CMHLRP@omh.ny.gov) by 3/20/26.

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#### 1. Can my agency apply for mental health clinicians with a limited permit?

Eligible agencies may apply on behalf of eligible mental health clinicians who are fully licensed with an eligible title or who hold a limited permit to practice as such. For more on eligible titles, please see the [Definitions](#) for each and the Professional Eligibility Requirements section of the [Program Overview](#). Professionals must meet all eligibility requirements and have a NYS license or limited permit by the award start date and for the entirety of the 3-year service commitment.

Agencies applying on behalf of a professional with a limited permit should indicate the limited permit # in the Additional Information field of Section A of the [Application](#).

The professional must maintain their limited permit or become fully licensed during the 3-year service commitment to remain eligible. Should the professional's permit expire, and that professional fails to become licensed, they would no longer be eligible and the CMHLRP award would be withdrawn, and all CMHLRP funds returned to OMH.

#### 2. The RFP says that our agency needs to maintain “documents used to demonstrate that they and the professional were eligible to receive such award”. If we receive an award, how should we document that the nominated professional has “qualified student loan debt” and is making “qualifying loan payments”?

We recommend you verify the professional's loan status and payments using their Loan Statements, generated by student loan servicers monthly. These documents provide information needed to confirm the outstanding debt, that the debt is for educational purposes, the status of the loans (in repayment, forbearance, etc.), that the professional is the individual who owes the debt, and what payments have been made since the previous statement.

[Qualified student loan debt](#) must be verified at time of application and, at minimum, when completing Year 2 and Year 3 Attestations and upon request by OMH.

[Qualifying loan payments](#) must be verified when your agency distributes CMHLRP funds to said professional or when your agency pays the professional's student loan servicer, according to the terms of your Loan Repayment and Service Agreement with the professional. That is, documentation should include the professional's Loan Statements for **any and all** billing cycles during which they or your agency applied CMHLRP funds to their loan debt, demonstrating payment(s) the application of **all** CMHLRP award funds provided by OMH to your agency toward the professional's student loan debt.

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- 3. The professional that our agency wants to apply for has student loans being tracked for PSLF with fewer than 40 payments remaining before loan forgiveness. They also have separate student loan debt that does not qualify for PSLF. Can we apply for just the student loan debt that is not enrolled in PSLF?**

Please see #14 from the [CMHLRP 2026 MH Clinicians RFP FAQs](#) regarding eligible loan debt.

Agencies may apply for student loan repayment funds for the professional's outstanding student loan debt that meets the eligibility requirements. The eligible professional is required to provide the applicant agency with documentation of their student loan debt, and the agency must be able to verify through that documentation the debt is only for eligible loans. When completing the application, the agency must report only the *eligible* qualified loan debt. That is, applicants would exclude separate loan debt owed by the professional that is not eligible, including previously forgiven loans, loans with fewer than 40 payments remaining before forgiveness, non-educational loan debt, etc.

For all CMHLRP applications, the agency must determine the professional's eligibility and maintain records of the documentation used to verify eligibility, including student loan statements. The nominated professional must provide necessary documentation to the agency as requested for an application to be completed fully and accurately. Please see Q&A #2 above for additional information about loan documentation.