Loan Repayment Program Aims to Grow US Pediatric Specialist Workforce

A new US program will offer up to $100,000 of loan repayment to pediatric specialists in medicine and surgery as well as to clinicians who provide behavioral health care to children and adolescents, the Department of Health and Human Services said in a statement announcing the $15 million investment by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

"[W]e are focused on recruiting and training the next generation of the health care workforce, yet we know that the cost of medical training can be a barrier for far too many people," HRSA Administrator Carole Johnson, MA, said.

Eligible disciplines and specialties, which range from child abuse pediatrics to pediatric transplant hepatology, are listed on the Pediatric Specialty Loan Repayment Program’s webpage. Qualifying clinicians—including physicians, nurses, and psychologists who are willing to dedicate 3 years to working in a health professional shortage or medically underserved area or who are caring for a medically underserved population—can apply online by July 20, 2023. – Emily Harris

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