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State Health Council Approves Two Physician Assistants for Loan Repayment Program

BISMARCK, N.D. – The State Health Council in conjunction with the North Dakota Department of Health announces that two physician assistants have been approved for loan repayment assistance through the Medical Personnel Loan Repayment Program.

This program is awarded to health professionals who have agreed to work in areas of the state that do not have a sufficient number of health-care workers to meet the needs of the area. The awards are given to help pay for the educational loans the recipient has incurred.

“The Loan Repayment Program was set up by the legislature in an effort to attract students back to North Dakota after obtaining their professional degrees and training. In exchange, we can help place professionals in areas of the state that are seeing a workforce shortage,” said Marlene Kouba, chair of the State Health Council. “It is recognized that many of our students leave the state in order to obtain college degrees, but many do not return.”

During its August meeting, the State Health Council awarded loan repayments to two physician assistants who will be working in the Oakes and Mayville areas.

The State Health Council approves the assistance on the basis of the criteria set by the legislature. The council’s 11 members are appointed by the governor for three-year terms. Members are selected from the health-care field, general consumers, energy industry, and manufacturing and processing industries.

More information about the loan repayment programs can be found at www.ndhealth.gov/pc/. For more information, contact Marlene Kouba, State Health Council, at 701.563.4560.

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