

CARDIOLOGY SERVICE APPROVAL GUIDELINES FOR HSM LOAN REPAYMENT



A borrower may practice as a full-time cardiologist in any licensed hospital, state or nonprofit; community health programs; cardiology treatment centers and cardiology hospital units; diagnostic centers; research facilities; educational institutions; and clinics and private physician offices in any county in the State of North Carolina, excluding federal facilities.

Service Application Process: A borrower must file an [Application for Proposed Practice Location form](#) in order to apply for practice site approval. A practice site must be approved by the SEAA in order to qualify for service cancellation. The practice site must serve Medicare and Medicaid patients as well as the indigent and accept payment under these programs (Titles XVII and XIX of the Social Security Act) in order to qualify for practice site approval. Completed forms or questions concerning the application process should be directed to the address and telephone number below:

SEAA - Repayment Services
P.O. Box 14223
RTP, NC 27709-4223

(919) 549-8614 Local

(800) 700-1775, option # 2 Toll Free

PRACTICE OR EMPLOYMENT

1. Full-time employment should begin within ninety (90) days after completion of training unless otherwise stated in the promissory note for which each loan was awarded.
2. Practice begins for physicians and veterinarians within three years after graduation from medical school and within ninety (90) days after completion of their postgraduate training unless otherwise stipulated in the promissory note.
3. Practice begins for dentists and optometrists within ninety (90) days after passing the North Carolina Licensure Examination unless other stipulations are made in the promissory notes.
4. Mathematics and science doctoral students must be employed within seven (7) years from the date of the initial loan.
5. Mathematics and science masters students must be in practice within three (3) years after the initial loan.

CANCELLATION

Loans received for all programs, with the exception of nurse education, may be cancelled with interest on the basis of a calendar year of service for each academic year or fraction thereof for which the student received a loan.

EXAMINATIONS

- Licensure examinations must be written the first time they are offered following the completion of required coursework.

- If the recipient fails to pass the first two successive licensure examinations offered following the completion of required coursework, a recipient's note(s) becomes due and payable.