

Home- and Community-Based Services Provider Loan Redemption Program



Program Description

The Home- and Community-Based Services Provider Loan Redemption Program (HCBSP-LRP) is administered by the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS) and New Jersey Department of Children and Families (DCF). The program offers student loan redemption to health care, behavioral health, and social services professionals providing services to individuals with medical needs, behavioral and/or mental health conditions, and disabilities in home- and community-based settings. Eligible professionals can receive up to \$50,000 in student loan redemption for 12 months of service at an approved provider agency.

Program Eligibility

- Be employed full time (at least 35 hours per week) at a State-funded home- and community-based provider agency in one of the following categories:
 - DHS Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services-contracted agency
 - DHS Division of Developmental Disabilities-funded agency
 - An agency contracted by NJ FamilyCare's Managed Care Organizations (private duty nurses only)
 - DCF-approved settings within an eligible program
- Must maintain a current license/board certification, as applicable, to practice in NJ throughout participation in the program
- Must maintain employment at an approved home- and community-based provider agency in an eligible profession for a minimum of 12 months after acceptance into the program and as part of your ongoing job duties, must provide direct services to clients that require the use of your eligible license, certification, or other State-required qualification
- May not be in default on any eligible qualifying student loan
- May not currently be participating in any other student loan redemption program administered by HESAA or in the federally administered National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program

Eligible professions:

1. Board certified behavior analysts
2. Board certified behavior analysts-doctoral
3. DCF care managers
4. DCF mobile crisis workers
5. Licensed clinical or certified alcohol and drug counselors
6. Licensed or associate marriage and family therapists
7. Licensed clinical social workers
8. Licensed practical nurses
9. Licensed professional or associate counselors
10. Licensed psychologists
11. Licensed social workers
12. Psychiatric nurse mental health clinical specialists
13. Psychiatrists
14. Registered nurses

➤ [Click here for a list of approved State-funded home- and community-based provider agencies](#)



How to Apply

Applications will be available on HESAA's website [here](#) from **July 1, 2024** through **July 31, 2024**. Eligible participants who submit a complete and accurate application will be selected on a first-come, first-serve basis until all funds are fully committed.*

* This is a one-time program and will not have additional years of funding.