

# Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program

## SFY 2020 Legislative Report

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### Background:

- With funding appropriated by the Legislature, the Utah Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program (RPLRP) provides educational loan repayment assistance to physicians in exchange for serving Utah rural communities and citizens.
- This is used to address the areas of the state that have a substantial need for medical care for under-served and uninsured populations.
- The grant contracts are for new physicians in rural areas and require the hospital, at which they are hired, to match the funds given by the state, and **are for two years**.
- All RPLRP contracts are for \$30,000, which is paid out in 2 payments of \$15,000; the employing hospital provides a 1:1 match to State of Utah funding.
- The physicians are required to submit bi-annual progress reports. This report includes number of patients seen (e.g., total patient visits, underserved visits, and uninsured visits) and type of practice.
- Per statute (26-46a-103(3)(c)), the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health retains \$30,000 for administrative costs.

### Update:

- In SFY 2020, the Utah Office of Primary Care and Rural Health (OPCRH) was appropriated \$300,000 for this program.
- During SFY 2020, the RPLRP funded six new physicians and four extensions in rural Utah, with contracts totaling \$240,000.
- Participating physicians provided 10,432 total patient visits, 7,082 underserved patient visits, and 721 uninsured patient visits.
- Beginning in SFY 2022, awards will be increased to \$40,000/2 years from current \$30,000. The increased amount will continue to be matched 1:1 by rural hospitals.

Current Advisory Committee members include:

Advisory Committee Position	Name	Organization
Legislator	Rep. Rex Shipp	Utah House of Representatives
Legislator	Rep. Christine F. Watkins	Utah House of Representatives
Rural Hospital Administrator	Jeremy Lyman	Blue Mountain Hospital
Rural Hospital Administrator	Brent Schmidt	Sevier Valley Hospital
Rural Hospital Administrator	Clayton Holt	San Juan Hospital
Rural Hospital Administrator	Mark Dalley	Gunnison Valley Hospital
Rural Hospital Administrator	Jim Marshall	Uintah Basin Medical Center
Rural Physician	<i>Vacant</i>	

Please refer to the table below for rural hospitals participating in this program.

<b>Identifier</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Hospital</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Grant Award per year</b>	<b>Hospital Match per year</b>
Provider 1	D.O. Family	Ashley Regional Medical Center	Uintah	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 2	M.D. Family	San Juan Hospital	San Juan	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 3	M.D. Family	Central Valley Medical Central	Sevier	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 4	D.O. Family	Ashley Regional Medical Center	Uintah	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 5	D.O. ENT	Uintah Basin Medical Center	Uintah	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 6	M.D. Family	Ashley Regional Medical Center	Uintah	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 7 <i>* Extension 1 year</i>	M.D. Family	Sanpete Valley Hospital	Sanpete	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 8 <i>* Extension 1 year</i>	M.D. Family	Sevier Valley Hospital	Sevier	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 9 <i>* Extension 1 year</i>	M.D. Family	Sevier Valley Hospital	Sevier	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 10 <i>* Extension 1 year</i>	M.D. Family	Ashley Regional Medical Center	Uintah	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00

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