



Office of Primary Care and Rural Health

Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program

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Legislative Report on the Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program

Background:

The Utah Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program (RPLRP) exists to provide, with funding appropriated by the Legislature for this purpose, education loan repayment assistance to physicians in exchange for serving Utah rural communities and citizens.

Purpose:

- In 2019, the Utah Office of Primary Care and Rural Health (OPCRH) was awarded \$300,000.00 for this program.
- This is used to address the areas of the state that have a substantial need for medical care for under-served and uninsured populations.
- These 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 physicians are required to submit bi-annual progress reports. This report includes number of patients seen and scope of practice.
- In the 2019-2020 FY, the RPLRP has funded six new physicians and four extensions in rural Utah, with contracts totaling \$240,000.
- As per rule, Rule 26-46a-103, the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health retains \$30,000 for administrative costs.

Please refer to Table 1 for rural hospitals participating in this program.

Table 1.

Identifier	Degree	Hospital	County	Grant Award per year	Hospital Match per year
Provider 1	D.O. Family	Ashley Regional Medical Center	Uintah	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 2	M.D. Family	Sevier Valley Hospital	Sevier	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 3 Extension of 1 year	M.D. Family	Bear River Valley Hospital	Box Elder	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00

Provider 4	Psychiatrist	Moab Hospital	Grand	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 5	D.O. ENT	Uintah Medical Center	Uintah	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 6	M.D. Family	Sanpete Valley Hospital	Sanpete	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 7 Extension of 1 year	D.O. Family	Central Valley Medical Center	Juab	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 8 Extension of 1 year	D.O. Orthopedic Surgeon	Blue Mountain Hospital	San Juan	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 9 Extension of 1year	D.O. Family	Central Valley Medical Center	Juab	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Provider 10	D.O. Family	Sanpete Valley Hospital	Sanpete	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00