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Health care workers planning to serve medically underserved communities receive loan repayment funds totaling $1.9 million

Colorado Health Service Corps accepting new applications Sept. 1-30

DENVER— In March, the Colorado Health Service Corps, administered by the Primary Care Office at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, awarded nearly $1.6 million in loan repayment funds to 21 health care professionals who will begin serving Colorado communities with a shortage of health care professionals. The corps also awarded nearly $275,000 to 10 health care providers who will continue to practice in medically underserved communities.

New applications for the Colorado Health Service Corps loan repayment program are being accepted Sept. 1-30. Primary care physicians, psychiatrists and general dentists may be eligible for educational loan debt forgiveness of as much as $105,000. Physician assistants, advanced practice nurses and licensed mental health professionals may be eligible for as much as $60,000, and dental hygienists may receive as much as $22,500.

To participate in the Colorado Health Service Corps, health professionals must be employed or seeking full-time employment in an outpatient primary care practice in an urban or rural area of Colorado with a health professional shortage. Successful applicants demonstrate a commitment to caring for underserved people and agree to a three-year term of service.

For more information on the Colorado Health Service Corps, including eligibility requirements and the online application, visit www.coloradohealthservicecorps.org or call 303-692-2466.

The following health professionals have been newly awarded through the Colorado Health Service Corps:

Recipient	Practice	Facility	City/Town	County
David Erickson	Physician Assistant	Valley-Wide Health Systems	Alamosa	Alamosa
Sarah McAlpine	Family Medicine Doctor	San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center	Alamosa	Alamosa
Margarita Ochoa	Dentist	Metro Community Provider Network	Aurora	Arapahoe
Stefano Lee	Family Medicine Doctor	Salud Family Health Centers	Brighton	Adams

Jerie Scollard	Licensed Professional Counselor	Fremont Correctional Facility	Canon City	Fremont
Sharon Allen	Licensed Professional Counselor	Peak Vista Community Health Center	Colorado Springs	El Paso
Richard Leensvaart	Dentist	Peak Vista Dental Health Clinic	Colorado Springs	El Paso
Autumn Orser	Pediatrician	Peak Vista Community Health Center	Colorado Springs	El Paso
Margaret Kaems	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	Axis Health System	Cortez	Montezuma
Kristie Yarmer	Pediatrician	The Memorial Hospital Medical Clinic	Craig	Moffatt
Shawna Daake	Pediatrician	Rocky Mountain Youth Clinics	Denver	Denver
Julie Dawson	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	Colorado Coalition for the Homeless	Denver	Denver
Jose Franco	Dentist	Clinica Family Health Services	Denver	Denver
Heather Rybicki	Nurse Practitioner	Metro Community Provider Network	Englewood	Arapahoe
Heather Lee	Physician Assistant	Sunrise Community Health	Evans	Weld
Lesley Brooks	Family Medicine Doctor	Sunrise Community Health	Greeley	Weld
Angela Nagel	Dental Hygienist	High Plains Community Health Center	Lamar	Prowers
Patricio Gonzalez	Dentist	Mountain Family Health Centers	Rifle	Garfield
Stacey Porterfield	Family Medicine Doctor	Mt. San Rafael Clinic	Trinidad	Las Animas
Regina Griego	Nurse Practitioner	Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center	Walsenburg	Huerfano
Tiffany Toth	Family Medicine Doctor	Yuma Hospital District	Yuma	Yuma

The following health professionals have been awarded funds to continue their service for another year through the Colorado Health Service Corps:

Jess Adams	Dentist	Peak Vista Community Health Center	Colorado Springs	El Paso
Amber Koch-Laking	Physician	Denver Health Community Services	Denver	Denver
Katherine Rufner	Physician	Salud Family Health Center	Fort Lupton	Weld
Terrance Wolbaum	Dentist	Sunrise Community Health	Greeley	Weld
Erin Bennett	Licensed Professional Counselor	The Center for Mental Health	Gunnison	Gunnison

Sonia Grewal	Dentist	High Plains Community Health Center	Lamar	Prowers
Eric Scotland	Dentist	Sunrise Community Health	Loveland	Larimer
Christie Wilson	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	The Center for Mental Health	Olathe	Montrose
Michele Pennington	Physician	Pueblo Community Health Center	Pueblo	Pueblo
Fiona Horgan	Physician Assistant	Rocky Mountain Youth Clinics	Thornton	Adams

The Colorado Health Service Corps is administered by the Primary Care Office at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment with funding from the Colorado Health Foundation, the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration, the state of Colorado, The Colorado Trust and Comprecare Foundation.

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