



PROGRAM EXPANSION

Licensed clinical pharmacists with a PharmD degree are now eligible to apply for the Colorado Health Service Corps loan repayment program.

HOURLY REQUIREMENTS & SERVICE OBLIGATION

Full-time clinical pharmacists must spend a minimum of 32 hours per week providing direct patient care at an approved site. No more than 8 hours can be dedicated to administrative tasks or dispensing medications. Part-time clinical pharmacists must spend a minimum of 16 hours per week providing direct patient care. No more than 4 hours can be dedicated to administrative tasks or dispensing medications. For guidelines regarding direct patient care, please see details on the next page. Loan repayment recipients must provide clinical service for a term of 3 years at the same site.

CLINICAL SITES

The program will repay educational loans of clinical pharmacists who agree to provide direct patient care in the outpatient, ambulatory setting of a non-profit or public facility, or a state mental health hospital. Retail pharmacies and dispensaries are not eligible. The site must be located in a federally designated primary care or mental health Health Professional Shortage Area and serve the patients within that area. To determine if a site has a HPSA designation, visit <http://hpsafind.hrsa.gov/>.

AWARD AMOUNT

Clinical pharmacists are eligible to receive up to \$50,000 for a 3-year full-time commitment, or \$25,000 for a 3-year part-time commitment.

HOW TO APPLY

The Colorado Health Service Corps has two application cycles each year, during the months of March and September. To check eligibility requirements and submit an online application, visit www.coloradohealthservicecorps.org.



GUIDELINES FOR DIRECT PATIENT CARE

To be eligible for loan repayment, licensed clinical pharmacists must work at an approved Colorado Health Service Corps site and provide direct patient care, which should include the following responsibilities:

- Performing individualized patient assessment for medication-related factors including potential adverse drug interactions
- Coordinating care and medication management for patients who are returning to primary care from a hospital admission
- Initiating or modifying medication therapy care plans on the basis of diagnosis or patient response
- Ordering laboratory tests necessary for monitoring outcomes and safety of medication therapy
- Interpreting and intervening accordingly based on data related to medication safety and effectiveness
- Providing information, education, and counseling to patients about medication-related care and related health issues
- Identifying and addressing barriers to patient compliance, adherence, and self-management
- Participating in the integrated health care team responsible for managing the patient's care

Telephonic interaction with a patient of the approved site may count towards hourly requirements, provided that the services rendered over the phone include those listed above.

Pharmacists who have a primary role of dispensing medications or are located in a retail setting are not eligible for loan repayment through the Colorado Health Service Corps.