

Medicaid Primary Care Loan Repayment Program (MPCLRP) - Award FAQs

When are awards for the program made?

Awards for the Medicaid Primary Care Loan Repayment Program are made on a quarterly basis, exactly one month following the quarterly application deadline. The award dates are as follows:

- **December 1, 2014**; applications are due November 3rd, 2014
- **March 2, 2015**; applications are due February 2, 2015
- **June 1, 2015**; applications are due May 1, 2015
- **September 1, 2015**; applications are due August 1, 2015
- **December 1, 2015**; applications are due November 2, 2015

What is the process for selecting the awardees?

When evaluating candidates for awards we score the following components of the application, based on the [administrative rules](#) of the program:

1. The percentage of Medicaid patients served at the candidate's site above the county Medicaid percentage in which the site is located.
2. The HPSA (Health Professional Shortage Area) score of the site; priority is given to candidates at sites with HPSA scores of 10 or greater.
3. PCPCH Status; if the candidate's site is a recognized Patient Centered Primary Care Home, priority is given based on the tier of the site. Check the status of your site [here](#).
4. Priority is given to Physicians, Dentists and Psychiatrists.
5. Priority is given to brand new providers to their practice site. In order to be considered brand new, a candidate must apply to the MPCLRP once they have an employment contract to begin working at a qualified site within 120 days, but prior to their start date at the site. Per the administrative rules of the program, 80% of the awards must be given to brand new providers.

I submitted an application and did not receive an award; can I apply again and what can I do to improve my application?

Applications may be evaluated for only **one** additional quarter past the one in which you applied. You do not need to reapply; we will roll your original application over to the next quarter if you notify ORH that you would like us to do so. If your application has already been considered for two quarters, you are no longer eligible to be considered for an award through the program. You do not need to submit any additional documentation to improve your application; we will re-score your application based on the criteria listed above (under "process of selecting awardees" question). Sites are asked to update our office with their Medicaid percentages each quarter, in order to ensure that applicant scores are correct.

I received an award through the Medicaid Primary Care Loan Repayment Program, what happens next?

1. Congratulations! A letter will be sent to both you and your site from the Office of Rural Health. Your letter will outline the next steps of the program and what you can expect over the course of your service obligation. The letter to your site will outline their responsibilities and will include an “Employment Confirmation” form that will need to be completed and signed by a site representative. This form will be returned to the Office of Rural Health.
2. A service contract will be sent to you within 7-10 business days of your award notification by the Oregon Health Authority. Please review the contract, sign and return to them. If you have any questions regarding your service contract, contact the Authority via the contact information listed on the contract.
3. ORH will send an “Invoice for Payment” form each quarter for you to complete and return to our office; this ensures that you will receive your disbursement each quarter.
4. You will also receive a “Payment Verification Form” from ORH prior to each quarterly disbursement. You will be required to complete the form and provide documentation that the disbursement was used towards your qualified educational loans, before your next disbursement will be issued.
5. Additionally, every six months ORH will send an “Employment Verification Form” to your site for them to verify your employment status and return to our office.