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Who is eligible for the MDC-LARP?

To be eligible for the MDC-LARP, you must:

- Be a full-time practicing dentist in the state of Maryland
- Hold a valid Maryland dental license
- Have outstanding educational loans
- Have graduated from an accredited U.S. dental school

Can I apply to the program if I owe less than \$71,220?

Yes, however, you will only be reimbursed up to the amount of total indebtedness. In addition, you must still commit to the 3-year program requirement.

How are MDC-LARP applicants selected?

Applicants are selected by a Review Panel consisting of representatives from the Maryland Higher Education Commission, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Maryland Dental Society, Maryland State Dental Association, the University of Maryland Dental School, Robert T. Freeman Dental Society and the Maryland Academy of Pediatric Dentists.

Where can I fulfill my obligation?

At an eligible practice site that is a public or private, for-profit or nonprofit dental facility (including solo, group, or incorporated private practice) that treats all persons and allows you to fulfill your obligation.

What makes this program unique is that you do not have to practice in a designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA). You simply need to provide dental care services to MMAP recipients and ensure that they comprise 30% of your patient population.

Can I fulfill my obligation by working part-time?

No. MDC-LARP recipients are required to be employed full-time, based on a 40 hour work week and practice dentistry at least 32 hours of the 40 hours.

Can I practice in two different locations, but have only one location where I accept MMAP recipients?

Yes. You can practice at two different sites, but it is important to remember that the 30% MMAP recipient requirement is based on the total number of patients you see in every practice site. While you may not see MMAP patients at one practice site, you will still need to report the number of patients you see those days.

Can I change practice sites?

Yes. With ample notice, you must notify the Maryland Higher Education Commission **in writing** if the employment arrangement at the eligible practice site is terminated or changed, as well as any additional practice sites that may be added. A site visit by the Office of Oral Health will also need to be conducted to verify eligibility. If you move into a group/associate practice, the owner(s) of that practice needs to complete the letter of understanding that is enclosed in the application and agree to a site visit.

What is the MDC-LARP dentist salary?

The MDC-LARP is not involved in salary negotiation between you and your employer.

Questions?

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