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Colorado Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program Now Accepting Applications

DENVER – Primary care physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, certified nurse midwives, licensed mental health professionals and oral health professionals may be eligible for significant educational loan debt forgiveness of up to \$105,000.

To participate in the Colorado Health Service Corps, health professionals must be employed or seeking full-time employment in an outpatient practice in an area of Colorado with a health professional shortage. Successful applicants will demonstrate a commitment to care for underserved people and agree to a term of service of two or three years. Primary health providers who practice in rural and urban underserved communities can qualify.

“Loan forgiveness is a proven and cost-effective way to assist underserved communities with the recruitment and retention of primary care providers,” said Steve Holloway, director of the Primary Care Office at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. “Many health professions graduates have an educational loan debt burden of more than \$100,000. This program creates a valuable incentive for health professionals who want to practice primary care in an underserved Colorado community.”

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 state of Colorado, the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the Colorado Health Foundation. For more information on specific

eligibility requirements and to complete the online application, visit

<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/pp/primarycare/chsc/> or call 303-692-2466.

The Primary Care Office addresses Colorado's primary care workforce needs through assessment for health professional shortages and incentives for providers who are interested in serving medically underserved Colorado communities.