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**RURAL PHYSICIAN LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM**

**4810.3000 SCOPE.**

Parts 4810 3010 to 4810 3070 apply to the rural and urban primary care physician loan forgiveness program.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 136A.04*

**History:** *18 SR 1472*

**4810.3010 DEFINITIONS.**

Subpart 1 **Scope.** The terms defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 136A 1355, are applicable to parts 4810 3010 to 4810 3070

*[For text of subps 1a to 3, see MR ]*

Subp 4. **Underserved urban community.** "Underserved urban community" means a Minnesota urban area or population included in the List of Designated Primary Medical Care Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs), Medically Underserved Areas (MUAs), or Medically Underserved Populations (MUPs) maintained and updated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 136A.04*

**History:** *18 SR 1472*

**4810.3020 CRITERIA FOR SELECTION.**

Subpart 1 **Classification of rural physician applicants.** The executive director shall place rural physician applicants in one of the following classifications.

- A. fourth year medical students;
- B pediatric residents,
- C family practice residents, or
- D internal medicine residents

Subp 1a **Ranking.** Applicants within each classification itemized in subpart 1 must be ranked further in the following order

- A. Minnesota residents who fulfill residency training in Minnesota,
- B Minnesota residents who fulfill residency training outside Minnesota,
- C applicants who are not Minnesota residents, but fulfill residency training in Minnesota, or
- D. applicants who are not Minnesota residents and do not fulfill residency training in Minnesota.

Subp 1b **Underserved urban community applicants.** Applicants seeking to practice in underserved urban communities must be fourth year medical students, family practice residents, pediatric residents, or internal medicine residents

Subp 2 **Insufficient award availability.** If more than 12 applicants agree to serve as physicians in a designated rural area, the executive director shall choose participants in the order specified in subpart 1a for participation. If more than four applicants agree to serve as physicians in an underserved urban community, the executive director shall choose participants in the order specified in subpart 1a for participation. Applicants not chosen to participate initially must be placed on an alternate list from which additional participants will be chosen if a chosen participant declines to participate

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### 4810.3030 APPLICATION PROCESS.

*[For text of subpart 1, see M R ]*

Subp 3 **Application form and contract.** Prospective physicians accepted into this program must complete and return the application form and contract provided by the executive director. The prospective physician agrees to serve at least three of the first five years following residency in a designated rural area or underserved urban community. Failure to complete and return the application form and contract by the specified deadline date results in the elimination of the applicant from the rural or urban primary care classification list.

Subp 4 **Notification of service.** The prospective physician must notify the executive director in writing immediately after starting service as a physician in a designated rural area or underserved urban community.

Subp 5 **Agreement or promissory note.** Before any payments are made by the executive director on qualified loans designated by the participant, the participant must sign the agreement or promissory note provided by the executive director. The participant must work as a physician at least 30 hours per week in a designated rural area or underserved urban community.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 136A.04*

**History:** *18 SR 1472*

### 4810.3040 LOAN PAYMENT.

*[For text of subps 1 to 3, see M R ]*

Subp 4 **Additional payment amount.** If the amount paid by the executive director on the designated loans for a participant is less than \$10,000 for a 12-month period, during the 12th month the executive director will pay an additional amount on the designated loans to equal \$10,000 for the 12-month period. Rural physician participants who meet the requirements in subpart 6, may designate an additional \$2,000 above the \$10,000 maximum specified in subpart 1 for each applicable year of residency. The total amount paid during the 12-month period cannot exceed the principal and accrued interest of the designated loans.

Subp 5 **Discontinuation of service.** The participant must reimburse the executive director for payments made during any period when the participant is not serving as a physician in a designated rural area or underserved urban community.

*[For text of subp 6, see M R ]*

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 136A.04*

**History:** *18 SR 1472*

### 4810.3050 PENALTY FOR NONFULFILLMENT.

Subpart 1 **Payment amount.** If a participant fails to fulfill the service requirement of this program, the amount paid on designated loans by the executive director must be repaid with interest at a rate established according to Minnesota Statutes, section 270.75, subdivision 5. Interest accrues from the date the participant ceases to practice as a physician in a designated rural area or underserved urban community.

*[For text of subps 2 to 4, see M R ]*

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