

1 2. The Program, depending upon available funding, shall provide
2 educational loan repayment assistance for up to ~~five~~ a total of
3 twenty-five full-time equivalent Oklahoma licensed dentists per
4 year, including new and continuing contract renewable participants.

5 3. Each award shall be for a contracted period and shall be
6 distributed to the participant by drafts made payable to the
7 participant and the appropriate loan agency in equal monthly
8 disbursements, not to exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars
9 (\$25,000.00) per year for a maximum five-year period. Prior to any
10 disbursement, the Department shall certify and properly review
11 monthly reports submitted by the participating dentist detailing
12 performance of activities in accordance with the Oklahoma Dental
13 Loan Repayment Act.

14 4. At the conclusion of the ~~two-year period~~ minimum service
15 obligation, the Department shall review the performance in the
16 Program of the participating dentist and determine whether an award
17 may be granted for an additional ~~three (3)~~ period not to exceed a
18 total participation in the Program of five (5) years pursuant to
19 rules promulgated by the Department.

20 B. ~~Four dentists each year~~ Any dentist entering the Program
21 each year as a nonfaculty participant shall agree to provide dental
22 care and services in a designated Dental Health Professional
23 Shortage Area (DHPSA) of the state and agree to provide dental care
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1 and services to Medicaid recipients as authorized by the Oklahoma
2 Health Care Authority. The Department shall be responsible for
3 ensuring that at least thirty percent (30%) of the patients treated
4 by the dentist will be Medicaid recipients.

5 C. ~~One A dentist each year~~ entering the ~~program~~ Program as a
6 faculty participant shall agree to teach at the University of
7 Oklahoma College of Dentistry. In the event there are no
8 appropriate faculty applicants, the Program may award additional
9 nonfaculty dentists.

10 D. A dentist shall be eligible to participate in the ~~loan~~
11 ~~repayment program~~ Program if the dentist:

- 12 1. Is a new dental school graduate. Preference will be given
- 13 to graduates of the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry;
- 14 2. Is licensed to practice dentistry in Oklahoma; and
- 15 3. Has demonstrated financial need.

16 E. The dentist shall execute a contract with the Department to
17 provide dental services ~~in a designated Dental Health Professional~~
18 ~~Shortage Area and agree that thirty percent (30%) of his or her~~
19 ~~patients will be Medicaid recipients~~ pursuant to the terms of the
20 contract and in accordance with rules promulgated by the Department.

21 F. If the dentist does not fulfill the service obligation, the
22 Department may collect from the participant the entire amount of
23 loan payments made under the Program plus interest.

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1 G. The Department shall present a report on the operation of
2 the Program to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of
3 Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate within
4 one (1) month of the beginning of each regular session of the
5 Legislature, including but not limited to the progress made in
6 accomplishing the goal of the Program.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

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9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, dated 02/15/2012 -
10 DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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