

1 2. The Program, depending upon available funding, shall provide
2 educational loan repayment assistance for up to a total of twenty-
3 five full-time equivalent Oklahoma licensed dentists per year,
4 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)~~ Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per year for a
10 maximum five-year period. Prior to any disbursement, the Department
11 shall certify and properly review monthly reports submitted by the
12 participating dentist detailing performance of activities in
13 accordance with the Oklahoma Dental Loan Repayment Act.

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

20 B. Any dentist entering the Program each year as a nonfaculty
21 participant shall agree to provide dental care and services ~~in a~~
22 ~~designated Dental Health Professional Shortage Area (DHPSA) of the~~
23 ~~state and agree to provide dental care and services to Medicaid~~
24 recipients as authorized by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority. The

1 Department shall be responsible for ensuring that at least thirty
2 percent (30%) of the patients treated by the dentist will be
3 Medicaid recipients.

4 1. Any general practice dentist entering the Program each year
5 as a nonfaculty participant shall agree to provide dental care and
6 services in a designated Dental Health Professional Shortage Area
7 (DHPSA) of this state.

8 2. Any dentist licensed to practice as a Pediatric Dentistry
9 Specialist as defined by the State Dental Act or any dentist
10 practicing in a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), FQHC look-
11 alike, county health department, or city-county health department
12 may be exempt from the requirement to practice in a Dental Health
13 Professional Shortage Area (DHPSA).

14 C. A dentist entering the Program as a faculty participant
15 shall agree to teach at the University of Oklahoma College of
16 Dentistry. In the event there are no appropriate faculty
17 applicants, the Program may award additional nonfaculty dentists.

18 D. A dentist shall be eligible to participate in the Program if
19 the dentist:

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

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1 E. The dentist shall execute a contract with the Department to
2 provide dental services pursuant to the terms of the contract and in
3 accordance with rules promulgated by the Department.

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

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

13 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-2713, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1-2713. The amount of the award of educational loan
16 repayment assistance shall ~~not exceed any maximum or minimum amount~~
17 ~~as promulgated by rules of the State Board of Health pursuant to the~~
18 ~~Oklahoma Dental Loan Repayment Act. The actual amount of the award~~
19 ~~shall~~ be established at the discretion of the Department and based
20 upon a determination of:

21 1. Actual funds available to the Oklahoma Dental Loan Repayment
22 Program for expenditure; and

23 2. The existing student loan indebtedness of the participating
24 dentist.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

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3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated
4 04/10/2014 - DO PASS.
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