



# **Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce**

## **AWARD REPORT FOR LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS**

Fiscal Year 2019

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The Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce strives to identify and meet the health care workforce needs of Georgia communities through the support and development of medical education programs.

# Introduction

The Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce (Board) members and staff are pleased to present the Award Report for Loan Repayment Programs for the Fiscal Year 2019.

In total, the Board awarded **\$1,790,000** to 93 recipients spread across 60 different counties:

- PRAA, 37 recipients, 33 counties, \$925,000
- GPLRP, 3 recipients, 3 counties, \$75,000
- DRAA, 12 recipients, 13 counties, \$300,000
- PALRP, 20 recipients, 16 counties, \$200,000
- APRNLRP, 21 recipients, 16 counties, \$210,000

These programs require a commitment to practice for a minimum of 40 clinical hours per week in a Georgia county with a population of 50,000 or less people according to the 2010 Census Count of the United States Bureau of the Census. The practice time requirement can be split between two or more counties, provided that none of the practice location counties exceed the 50,000 population limit, unless approved by the Board.

The administrative costs to carry out these loan repayment programs are funded through the Board Administration program of the Georgia Department of Community Health section in the state's budget, while the awards were funded through the Physicians for Rural Areas Assistance program.

Would you or someone you know want to know more about the Board and the important work we do to better the health care of rural Georgia? Then, please visit us online at <http://healthcareworkforce.georgia.gov/>. The website is an invaluable resource for both health care professionals and interested consumers.



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Executive Director

# PRAA

The **Physicians for Rural Areas Assistance Program (PRAA)** provides a service-cancelable loan of up to \$25,000 to physicians for providing direct patient care in underserved rural areas of Georgia. Contracts are awarded for one year and are renewable for a maximum of four years for a maximum award of \$100,000. Funding for this program is provided by the State of Georgia. The following individuals were each awarded \$25,000 through the PRAA for FY 2019, unless otherwise noted.

Name	Award Year(s)	County	Specialty
Ronald Atwater, M.D.	2019, 2018, 2016	Grady	General Surgery
Le Thenia J. Baker, M.D.	2019	Upson, Lamar	OB/GYN
Amelia Bostwick, M.D.	2019, 2018, 2017	Pierce, Wayne	OB/GYN
Crystal D. Bright, M.D.	2019, 2018	Wayne	Family Medicine
Karen Butler, M.D.	2019, 2018, 2017	Emanuel	Family Medicine
Caitlin Collier, M.D.	2019, 2018, 2016	Hart	Family Medicine
Ito Edet, M.D.	2019	Greene	Internal Medicine, Pediatrics
Samuel Franklin, M.D.	2019, 2018	Jefferson	Internal Medicine
Daniel Gordon, M.D.	2019, 2018	Hart	Family Medicine
Patrick Hanson, M.D.	2019	Laurens	Orthopedics
Lindsay Herbert, D.O.	2019	Lumpkin, Rabun	Family Medicine
Holly Hoenes, M.D.	2019, 2018, 2017, 2016	Monroe	Pediatrics
Alexander Ibezi-Enedu, D.O.	2019, 2018, 2017	Bleckley, Dooly, Pulaski	Family Medicine
Matthew Jenkins, M.D.	2019, 2018, 2017	Elbert	Family Medicine
Mana Kasongo, M.D.	2019	Crisp	Emergency Medicine
Jonathan Lawrence, M.D.	2019, 2018, 2017	Towns	Family Medicine
Joe Livingston, M.D.	2019, 2018, 2017	Union	Family Medicine
Michelle Mason-Woodard, M.D.	2019, 2018, 2017	Lincoln	Family Medicine

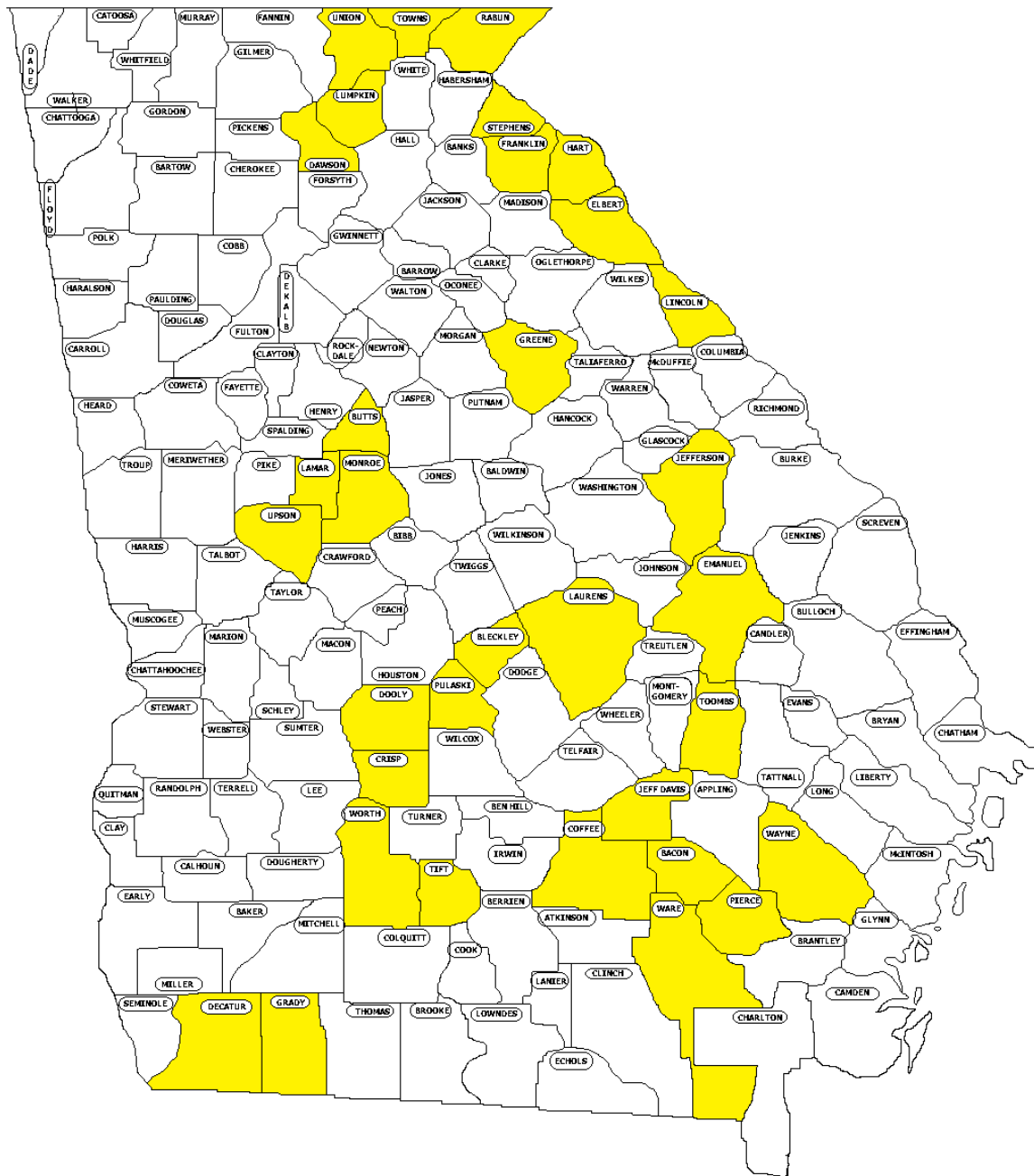
# PRAA (continued)

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Award Year(s)</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Specialty</b>
Caryn Masterman-Smith, D.O.	2019, 2018, 2017, 2016	Toombs	Pediatrics
Kathryn McKinney, M.D.	2019, 2018	Stephens	OB/GYN
Jason B. Moye, M.D.	2019	Decatur	OB/GYN
Kirk Munsayac, D.O.	2019, 2018, 2017, 2016	Jeff Davis	Family Medicine
Daniel Musser, M.D.	2019, 2018, 2017	Dawson	Family Medicine
George Myers, IV, D.O.	2019, 2018	Decatur	General Surgery
Christina H. Noguera, M.D.	2019	Upson	Family Medicine
Brian Pratt, M.D.	2019, 2018	Rabun	Family Medicine
Shannon Price, M.D.	2019	Tift	OB/GYN
Joi Rogers, M.D.	2019, 2018, 2017	Coffee	Pediatrics
John Spivey, M.D.	2019, 2018	Toombs	Orthopedics
Shad A. Stormant, M.D.	2019	Ware	Family Medicine
Navin Tandon, D.O.	2019, 2018	Butts	Emergency Medicine
Chelsea Tehan, M.D.	2019, 2018, 2017, 2016	Toombs	Pediatrics
Priscilla Thomas, M.D.	2019, 2018, 2017	Bryan, Wayne	General Surgery
Jason T. Wells, M.D.	2019	Grady	General Surgery
Cassandra L. Wilson, M.D.	2019, 2018	Bacon	Pediatrics
Daren Wooten, M.D.	2019, 2018	Worth	Emergency Medicine
Thet Zaw, M.D.	2019, 2018	Rabun	Internal Medicine

# PRAA (continued)

In FY 2019, the Board awarded 37 recipients through the Physicians for Rural Areas Assistance program which provided 33 rural Georgia counties with improved access to care.



# GPLRP

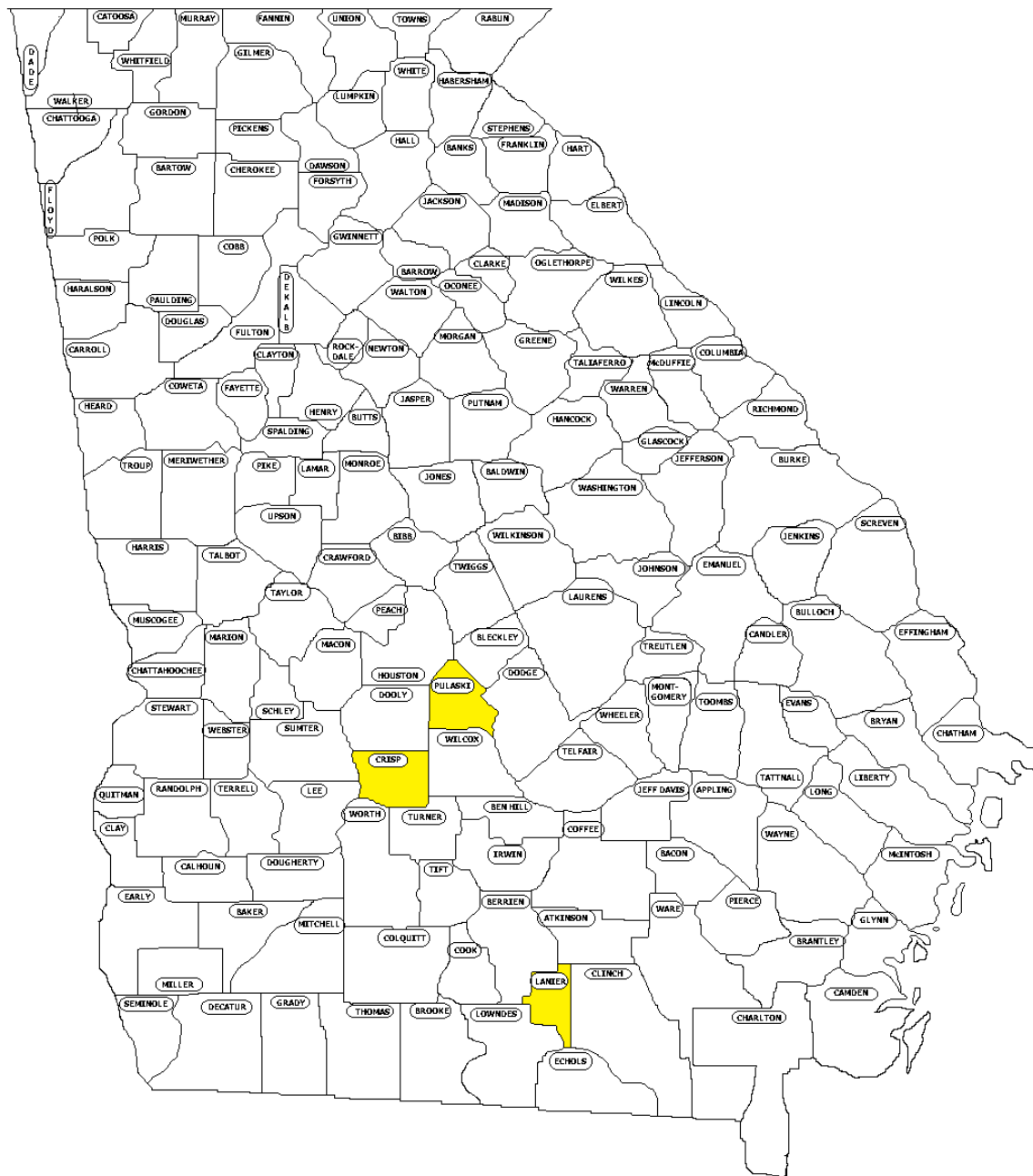
The Georgia Physician Loan Repayment Program (GPLRP) is a program funded by the State of Georgia and a grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) that provides a service-cancelable loan of up to \$25,000 per year for a two-year period. It is limited to physicians and aimed at those physicians practicing the specialties of family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, OB/GYN, geriatrics or psychiatry in a Health Professional Shortage Area located in a qualifying county. The participant may elect to re-apply for additional funding to be awarded on an annual basis for two additional years for a maximum of four years and \$100,000. The following individuals were previously awarded the GPLRP and completed those obligations but now are renewing their commitment for FY 2019 for another \$25,000.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Award Year(s)</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Specialty</b>
Samantha Boreland, M.D.	2019, 2017, 2016, 2015	Crisp	OB/GYN
Barry Iaguobadia, M.D.	2019, 2018, 2017	Pulaski	OB/GYN
Mandy Lucas, M.D.	2019, 2018, 2017, 2016	Lanier	Family Medicine



# GPLRP (continued)

In FY 2019, the Board awarded three recipients through the Georgia Physician Loan Repayment Program which provided three rural Georgia counties with improved access to care.



# DRAA

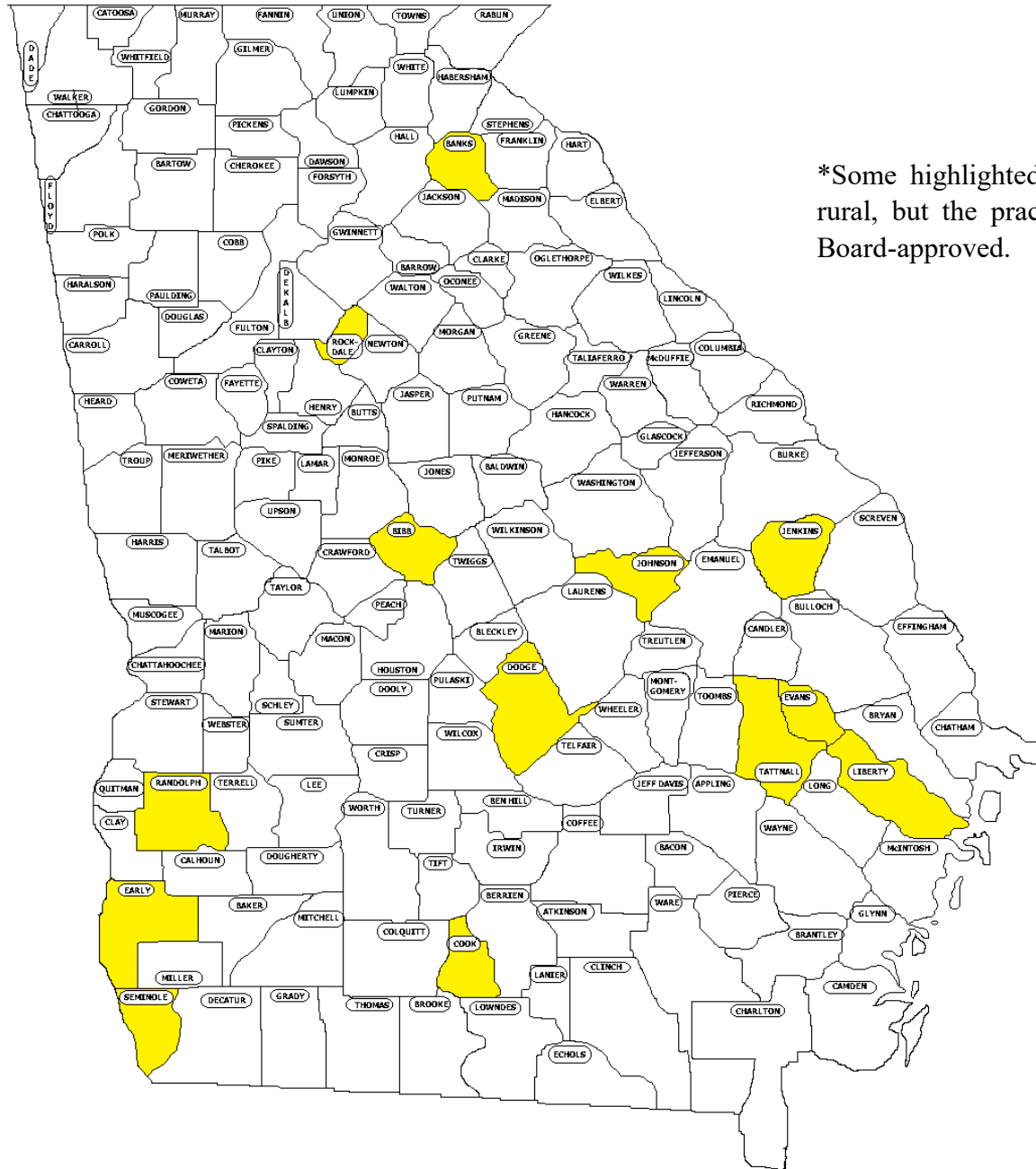
The Dentists for Rural Areas Assistance Program (DRAA) provides service-cancellable loans of up to \$25,000 per year in return for dental practice in an underserved, rural county in Georgia. Contracts are awarded for one year and are renewable three times for a maximum of four years and a total award of \$100,000. Funding for this program is provided by the State of Georgia. The following individuals were each awarded \$25,000 through the DRAA for FY 2019, unless otherwise noted.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Award Year(s)</b>	<b>County</b>
Zackary Bentley, D.M.D.	2019, 2018, 2017	Tattnall
Charles Brooks, Jr., D.M.D.	2019, 2018	Early
Michael Carr, Jr., D.M.D.	2019, 2018, 2017, 2016	Randolph, Seminole
Chen Chen, D.D.S.	2019, 2018	Banks
William Clance, , D.M.D.	2019, 2018	Tattnall
Kyle W. Hollis, D.M.D.	2019, 2018	Evans
David M. Jenkins, D.M.D.	2019	Dodge
Jonathan Johnson, D.M.D.	2019, 2018, 2017, 2016	Liberty
Reginald Makerson, D.D.S.	2019, 2018, 2017, 2016	Jenkins
Jesse McMillan, D.M.D.	2019, 2018, 2017	Cook, Rockdale*
Clayton S. Oliver, D.M.D.	2019	Dodge
Justin Ragan, D.M.D.	2019, 2018	Bibb*, Johnson

\*While this county is not considered rural, this practice location is Board-approved.

# DRAA (continued)

In FY 2019, the Board awarded 12 recipients through the Dentists for Rural Areas Assistance program which provided 13 rural\* Georgia counties with improved access to care.



\*Some highlighted counties are not rural, but the practice locations are Board-approved.

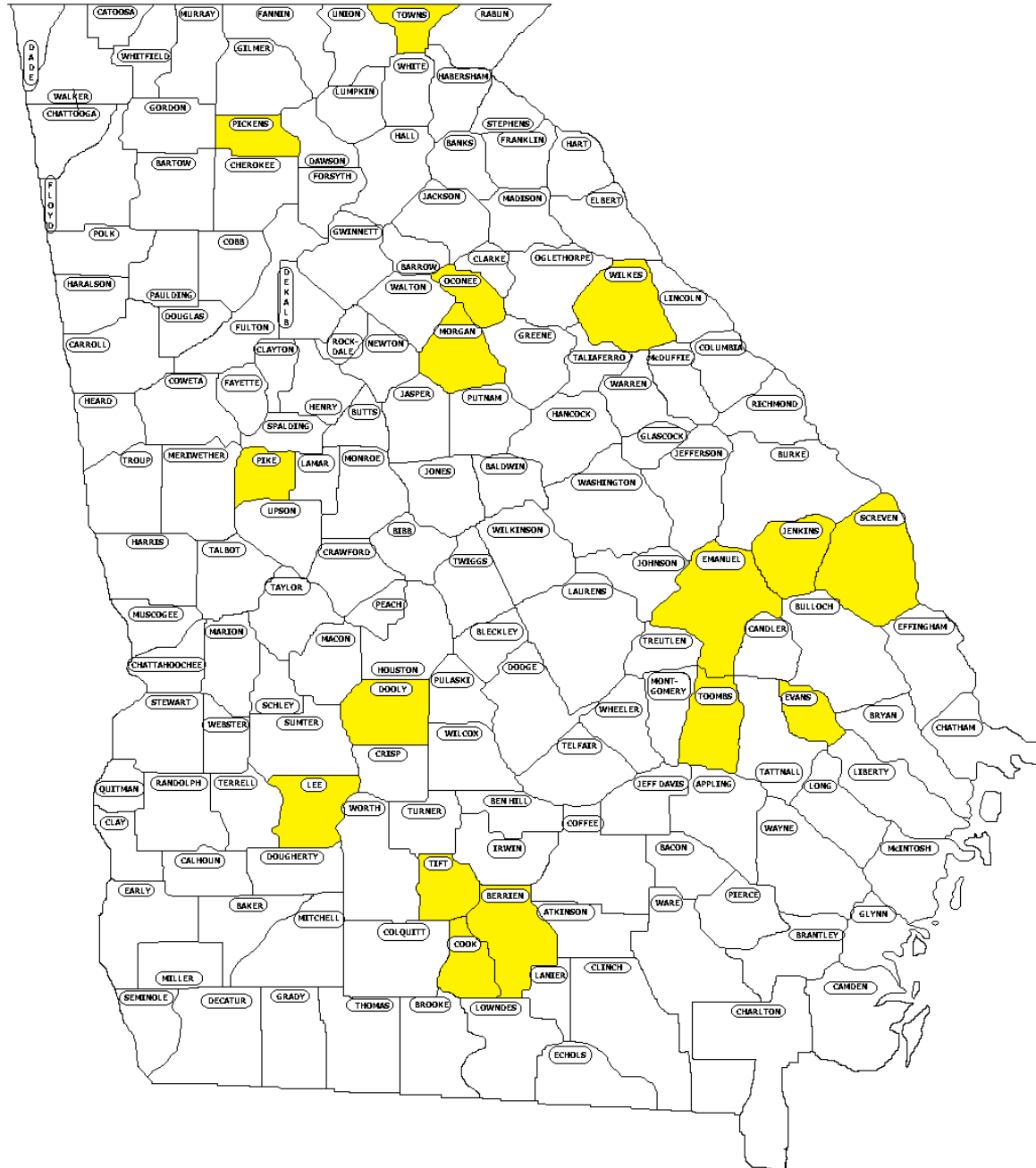
# PALRP

The Physician Assistant Loan Repayment Program (PALRP) provides service-cancellable loans of up to \$10,000 per year in return for physician assistant practice in an underserved, rural county in Georgia. Contracts are awarded for one year and are renewable three times for a maximum of four years and a total award of \$40,000. Funding for this program is provided by the State of Georgia. The following individuals were each awarded \$10,000 through the PALRP for FY 2019, unless otherwise noted.

Name	Award Year(s)	County
Phillip G. Boatright, Jr.	2019, 2018, 2017	Emanuel
Timantha D. Booth	2019, 2018, 2017	Cook
John D. Campbell	2019, 2018	Oconee
Melinda B. Cathey	2019, 2018	Morgan
Amelia Harvey	2019, 2018	Pike
Archie T. Kirkley	2019	Toombs
Jessica Kitchens	2019, 2018	Towns
Heather Lewis	2019, 2018	Evans, Toombs
Ashley E. Long	2019	Morgan
Patricia K. Lowe	2019	Wilkes
Mandy McMillan	2019, 2018	Berrien
Monica A. Moon	2019, 2018, 2017	Dooly
Candice Purvis	2019, 2018	Toombs
Courtney B. Stevens	2019	Tift
Sera G. Story	2019	Emanuel
Brooke B. Teal	2019, 2018, 2017	Pickens
Rodger Wagoner	2019, 2018	Lee
Leah Waller	2019, 2018	Toombs
Cody Ward	2019	Jenkins, Screven, Wilkes
Zachary Whitaker	2019, 2018	Toombs

# PALRP (continued)

In FY 2019, the Board awarded 20 recipients through the Physician Assistant Loan Repayment Program which provided 16 rural Georgia counties with improved access to care.



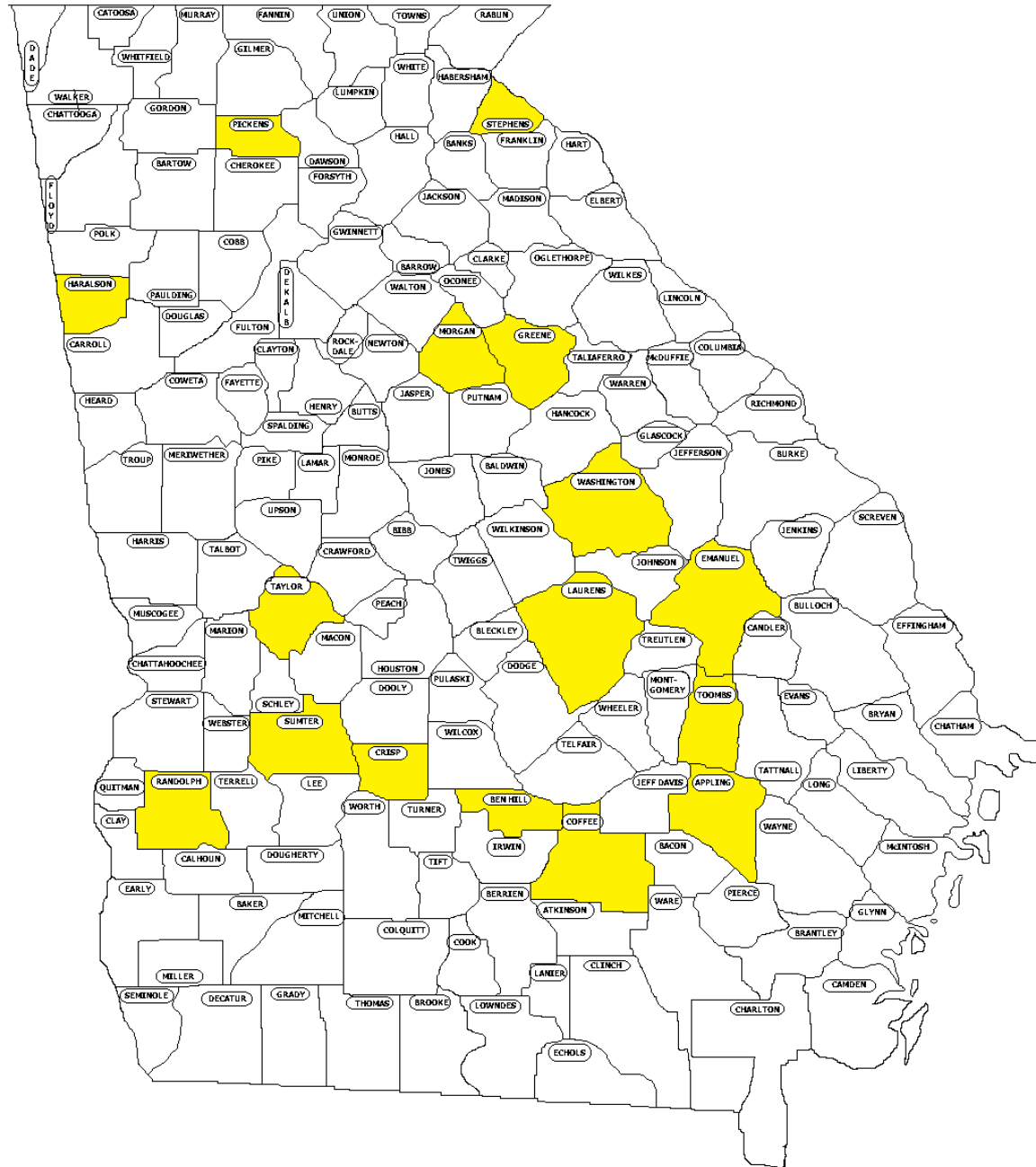
# APRNLRP

The Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioner Loan Repayment Program (APRNLRP) provides service-cancellable loans of up to \$10,000 per year in return for nursing practice in an underserved, rural county in Georgia. Contracts are awarded for one year and are renewable three times for a maximum of four years and a total award of \$40,000. Funding for this program is provided by the State of Georgia. The following individuals were each awarded \$10,000 through the APRNLRP for FY 2019, unless otherwise noted.

Name	Award Year(s)	County
Renee Bailey	2019, 2018	Toombs
John A. Chitoh	2019, 2018	Randolph
Jeniece Cromartie	2019, 2018	Emanuel
Michael Edenfield	2019, 2018, 2017	Emanuel
Travis Dobbs	2019, 2018	Stephens
Merrie Hamby	2019, 2018	Stephens
Amanda Hobbs	2019	Emanuel, Toombs
Jami Hodges	2019, 2018	Sumter
Kristin Hunter	2019, 2018, 2017	Pickens
Amanda Jarriel	2019, 2018, 2017	Emanuel
Megan Knight	2019, 2018	Emanuel
Lori Pope	2019, 2018	Haralson
Debra Rathbun	2019, 2018	Coffee
Tonya Register	2019, 2018	Ben Hill
Haley Revell	2019, 2018	Crisp
Amanda Riley	2019, 2018	Taylor
Allison Welch	2019, 2018, 2017	Morgan
Laura White	2019, 2018, 2017	Toombs
Kelly Wiedower	2019, 2018, 2017	Greene
Kimberly Williams	2019, 2018	Appling
Stacy Williford	2019, 2018, 2017	Laurens, Washington

# APRNLRP (continued)

In FY 2019, the Board awarded 21 recipients through the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Loan Repayment Program which provided 16 rural Georgia counties with improved access to care.





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Questions? Comments? Concerns?

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