



# **Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce**

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

Fiscal Year 2020

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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 2020.

In total, the Board awarded **\$2,093,903** to 117 recipients:

- PRAA, 48 recipients, 31 counties, \$1,159,729
- GPLRP, 3 recipients, 3 counties, \$66,129
- MMIPG, 1 recipient, 1 county, \$11,397
- DRAA, 15 recipients, 14 counties, \$356,648
- PALRP, 25 recipients, 16 counties, \$250,000
- APRNLRP, 25 recipients, 16 counties, \$250,000

These programs require a commitment to practice for a minimum of 40 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.



LaSharn Hughes, MBA  
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 up to \$25,000 through the PRAA for FY 2020, unless otherwise noted.

Name	Award Year(s)	County	Specialty
Priscilla Amoah, M.D.	2020	Tift	Pediatrics
Crystal D. Bright, M.D.	2020, 2019, 2018	Wayne	Family Medicine
Karen Butler, M.D.	2020, 2019, 2018, 2017	Appling	Family Medicine
Caitlin Collier, M.D.	2020, 2019, 2018, 2016	Hart	Family Medicine
Ito Daniels, M.D.	2020, 2019	Greene	Internal Medicine, Pediatrics
Lindsay Dowis, D.O.	2020, 2019	Lumpkin / Rabun	Family Medicine
Kendrix J. Evans, M.D.	2020	Toombs	General Surgery
Henry L. Ferland, III, D.O.	2020	Toombs	General Surgery
Samuel Franklin, M.D.	2020, 2019, 2018	Jefferson	Internal Medicine
Krystal Victoria Garcia, D.O.	2020	Wayne	Emergency Medicine
Ankur Goel, M.D.	2020	Emanuel	General Surgery
Daniel Gordon, M.D.	2020, 2019, 2018	Hart	Family Medicine
Linda Gordon, M.D.	2020, 2018, 2017	Lamar / Upson	Pediatrics
James Hamilton, M.D.	2020	Lumpkin	Family Medicine
Patrick Hanson, M.D.	2020, 2019	Laurens	Orthopedics
Shaista Hussain, M.D.	2020	Coffee	Family Medicine
Matthew Jenkins, M.D.*	2020, 2019, 2018, 2017	Elbert	Family Medicine
Shea Jones, D.O.	2020	Habersham	General Surgery
Geri Ellen Justice, M.D.	2020	Thomas	OB/GYN
Mana Kasongo, M.D.	2020, 2019	Crisp	Emergency Medicine
Johan Koo, D.O.	2020	Lumpkin	Family Medicine
Jonathan Lawrence, M.D.	2020, 2019, 2018, 2017	Towns	Family Medicine
Joe Livingston, M.D.	2020, 2019, 2018, 2017	Union	Family Medicine
Kathryn McKinney, M.D.	2020, 2019, 2018	Stephens	OB/GYN

\*Jenkins — \$24,049.51

# PRAA (continued)

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Award Year(s)</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Specialty</b>
Jason B. Moye, M.D.	2020, 2019	Decatur	OB/GYN
Daniel Musser, M.D.*	2020, 2019, 2018, 2017	Dawson	Family Medicine
George Myers, IV, D.O.	2020, 2019, 2018	Decatur	General Surgery
Thaihang Nguyen, D.O.	2020	Coffee	Family Medicine
Christina H. Noguera, M.D.	2020, 2019	Upson	Family Medicine
Shannon Price, M.D.	2020, 2019	Tift	OB/GYN
Alicia Register, M.D.	2020	Crisp	General Surgery
Josh D. Simmons, M.D.	2020	Decatur / Thomas	Internal Medicine
Thomas Smith, M.D.	2020	Washington	Family Medicine
John Spivey, M.D.	2020, 2019, 2018	Toombs	Orthopedics
Shad A. Stormant, M.D.	2020, 2019	Ware	Family Medicine
Thomas Street, M.D.	2020	Thomas	Anesthesiology
Ravin Talati, M.D.	2020	Habersham	Family Medicine
Navin Tandon, D.O.**	2020, 2019, 2018	Butts	Emergency Medicine
Erin Tanner, M.D.	2020	Candler	Internal Medicine
Priscilla Thomas, M.D.	2020, 2019, 2018, 2017	Bryan / Wayne	General Surgery
Allison Turk, M.D.***	2020	Lumpkin	Family Medicine
Brandi Warren, D.O.	2020	Thomas	Family Medicine
Jesse Warren, D.O.	2020	Thomas	Anesthesiology
Nicholas Webster, M.D.	2020	Tift	Pediatrics
Jason Wells, M.D.	2020, 2019	Grady	General Surgery
Josh Wilburn, M.D.	2020	Haralson	Internal Medicine
Carol Williams, M.D.	2020	Coffee	Pediatrics
Daren Wooten, M.D.	2020, 2019, 2018	Worth	Emergency Medicine

\*Musser — \$17,287.48    \*\*Tandon — \$9,114.73    \*\*\*Turk — \$9,277.62



# GPLRP

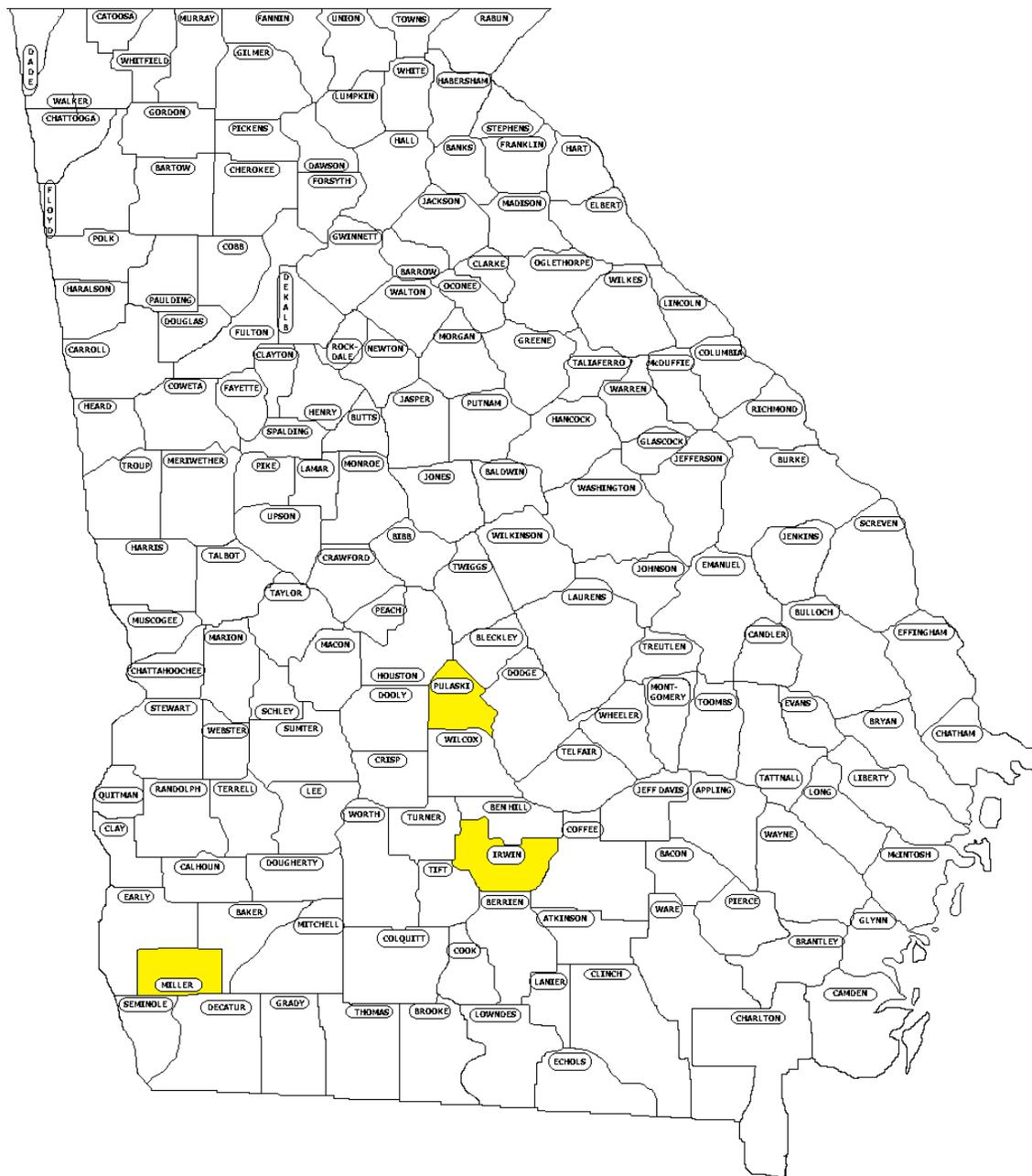
The **Georgia Physician Loan Repayment Program (GPLRP)** is a program funded by the State of Georgia and a grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) that provides a service-cancelable loan of up to \$25,000 per year for a two-year period. 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 each awarded up to \$25,000 through the GPLRP for FY 2020, unless otherwise noted.

Name	Award Year(s)	County	Specialty
William Conner, M.D.*	2020	Irwin	Pediatrics
Barry Iguobadia, M.D.	2020, 2019, 2018, 2017	Pulaski	OB/GYN
Zalika Nisbeth, M.D.	2020	Miller	Family Medicine

\*Conner — \$16,129.40

# GPLRP (continued)

In FY 2020, the Board awarded three recipients through the Georgia Physician Loan Repayment Program which provided three rural Georgia counties with improved access to care.



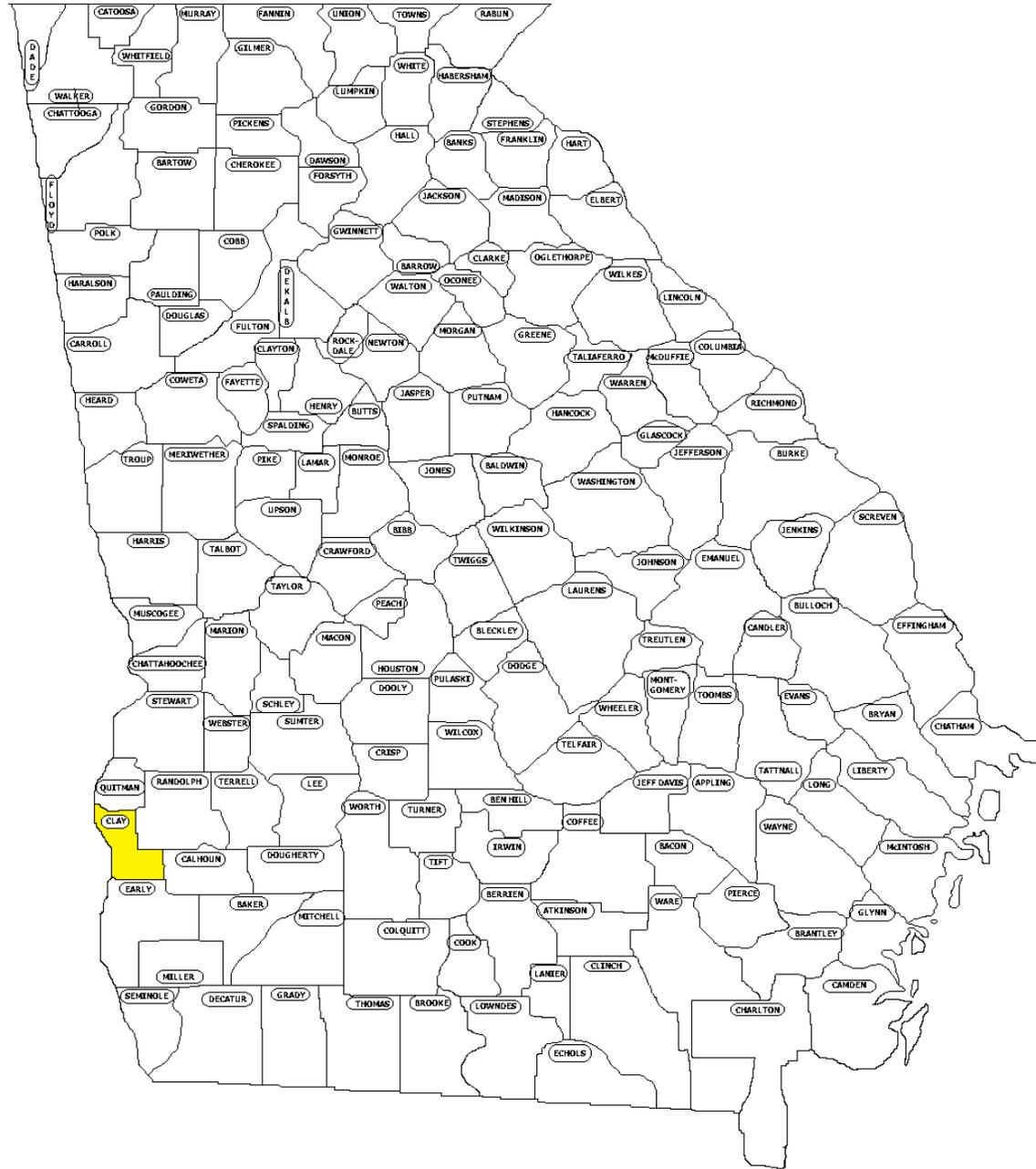
# MMIPG

The **Medical Malpractice Insurance Premium Grant Program (MMIPG)** provides grants for physicians and dentists that maintain a practice in an underserved rural area of the state to defray some of the costs associated with maintaining medical malpractice insurance coverage for a rural practice. House Bill 769, which was passed by the General Assembly during the 2018 legislative session and signed by then-Gov. Nathan Deal, authorized the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce to provide medical malpractice insurance premium grants to qualifying recipients. This program stemmed from health policy recommendations of the House Rural Development Council. The following individuals were awarded under the MMIPG.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Award Year(s)</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Specialty</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Karen Kinsell, M.D.	2020	Clay	Internal Medicine	\$11,397.00

# MMIPG (continued)

In FY 2020, the Board awarded one recipient through the Medical Malpractice Insurance Premium Grant Program which provided one rural Georgia county 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 2020, unless otherwise noted.

Name	Award Year(s)	County
Charles Brooks, Jr., D.M.D.	2020, 2019, 2018	Early
Chen Chen, D.D.S.	2020, 2019, 2018	Banks
William Clance, D.M.D.	2020, 2019, 2018	Tattnall
Gary Crawford, D.M.D.	2020	Coffee
John J. Crumpton, D.M.D.**	2020	White
William C. Fussell, D.M.D.	2020	Coffee / Jeff Davis
Baqar Hasnain, D.D.S.	2020	Sumter
Wallis S. Hobby, D.M.D.	2020	Turner
Kyle W. Hollis, D.M.D.	2020, 2019, 2018	Evans
Joon Koh, D.M.D.	2020	Oconee
Griff M. Lindsey, D.M.D.***	2020	Coffee
Jesse McMillan, D.M.D.	2020, 2019, 2018, 2017	Cook
Hasim S. Momin, D.M.D.	2020, 2018, 2017	Richmond*
Clayton S. Oliver, D.M.D.	2020, 2019	Dodge
Justin Ragan, D.M.D.	2020, 2019, 2018	Johnson

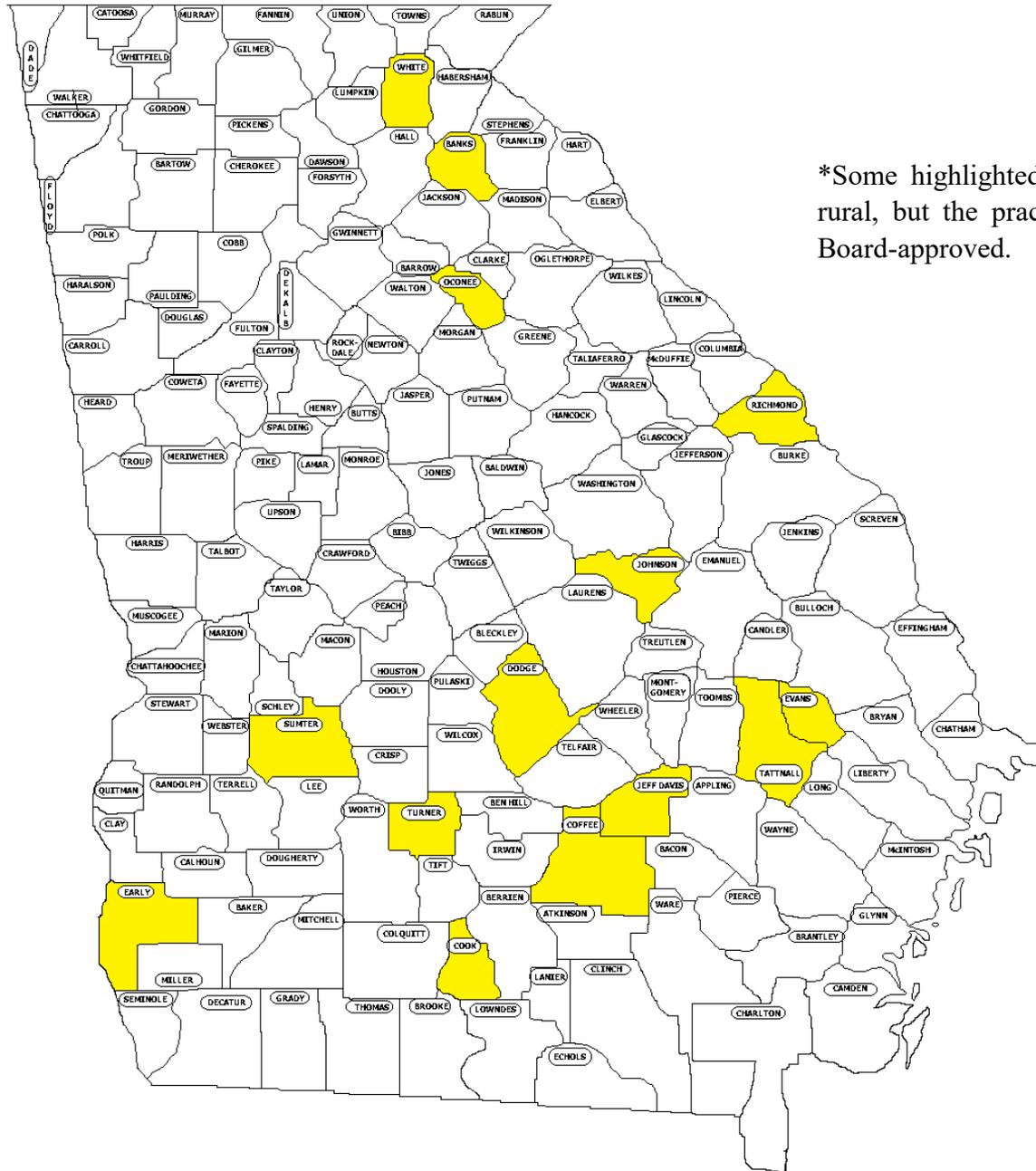
\*While this county is not considered rural, this practice location is Board-approved.

\*\*Crumpton — \$22,046.19

\*\*\*Lindsey — \$9,602.11

# DRAA (continued)

In FY 2020, the Board awarded 15 recipients through the Dentists for Rural Areas Assistance program which provided 14 rural\* Georgia counties with improved access to care.



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

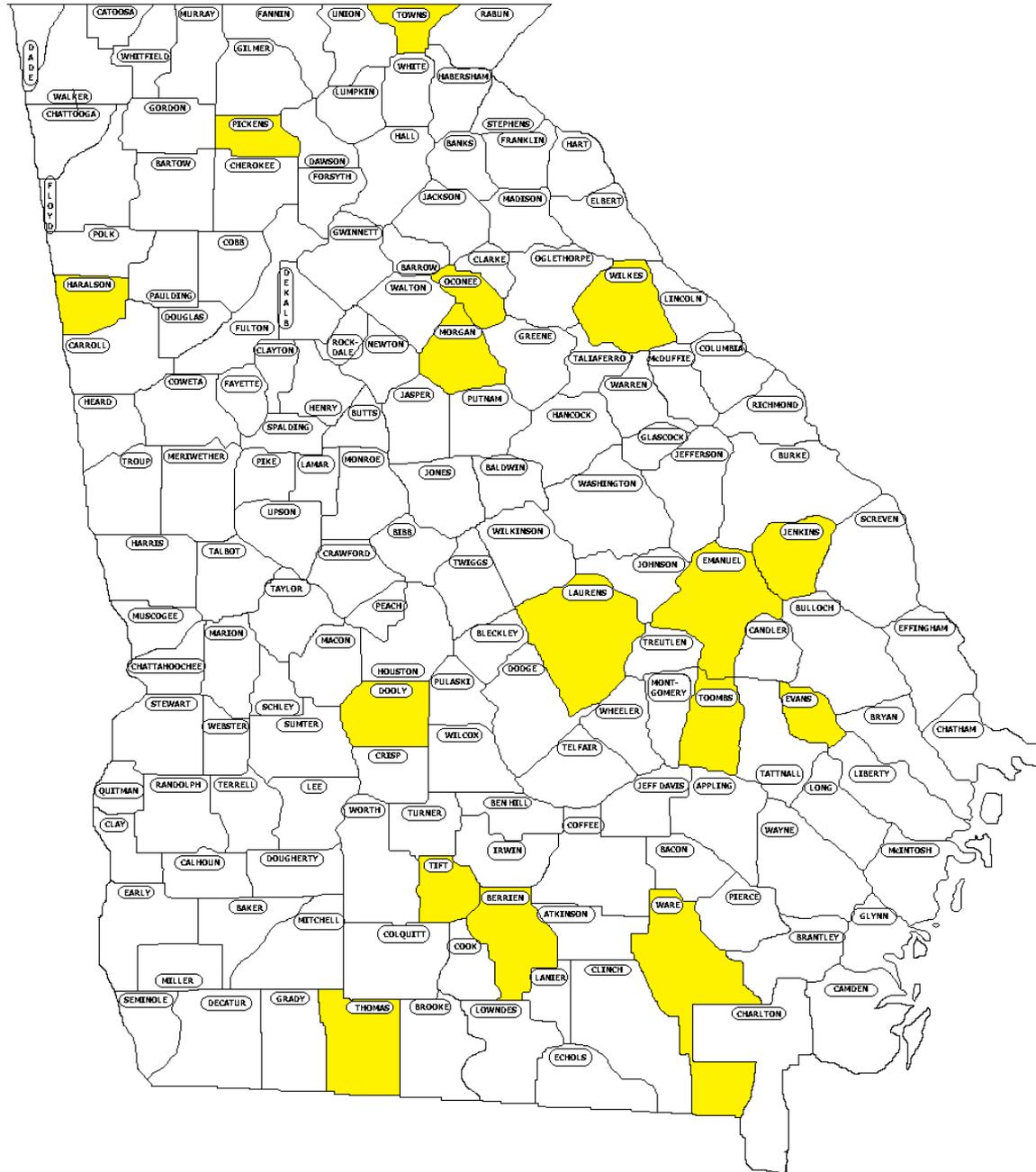
# PALRP

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 2020, unless otherwise noted.

Name	Award Year(s)	County
Ivey Allen, PA-C	2020	Thomas
Kathryn Blevins, PA-C	2020	Tift
Phillip G. Boatright, Jr., PA-C	2020, 2019, 2018, 2017	Emanuel
John D. Campbell, PA-C	2020, 2019, 2018	Oconee
Melinda B. Cathey, PA-C	2020, 2019, 2018	Morgan
Daniel Dasher, PA-C	2020	Toombs
Jodi Gilmer, PA-C	2020	Emanuel
Archie T. Kirkley, PA-C	2020, 2019	Toombs
Jessica Kitchens, PA-C	2020, 2019, 2018	Towns
Heather Lewis, PA-C	2020, 2019, 2018	Toombs / Evans
Ashley E. Long, PA-C	2020, 2019	Morgan
Patricia K. Lowe, PA-C	2020, 2019	Wilkes
Jacob Lunsford, PA-C	2020	Laurens
Mandy McMillan, PA-C	2020, 2019, 2018	Berrien
Monica A. Moon, PA-C	2020, 2019, 2018, 2017	Dooly
Brandi Parker, PA-C	2020	Haralson
Roxy Sheffield, PA-C	2020	Ware
Erika Smith, PA-C	2020	Haralson
Courtney B. Stevens, PA-C	2020, 2019	Tift
Sera G. Story, PA-C	2020, 2019	Emanuel
McKayla Tanner, PA, CAA	2020	Thomas
Brooke B. Teal, PA-C	2020, 2019, 2018, 2017	Pickens
Leah Waller, PA-C	2020, 2019, 2018	Toombs
Cody Ward, PA-C	2020, 2019	Wilkes / Jenkins
Zachary Whitaker, PA-C	2020, 2019, 2018	Toombs

# PALRP (continued)

In FY 2020, the Board awarded 25 recipients through the Physician Assistant Loan Repayment Program which provided 16 rural Georgia counties with improved access to care.



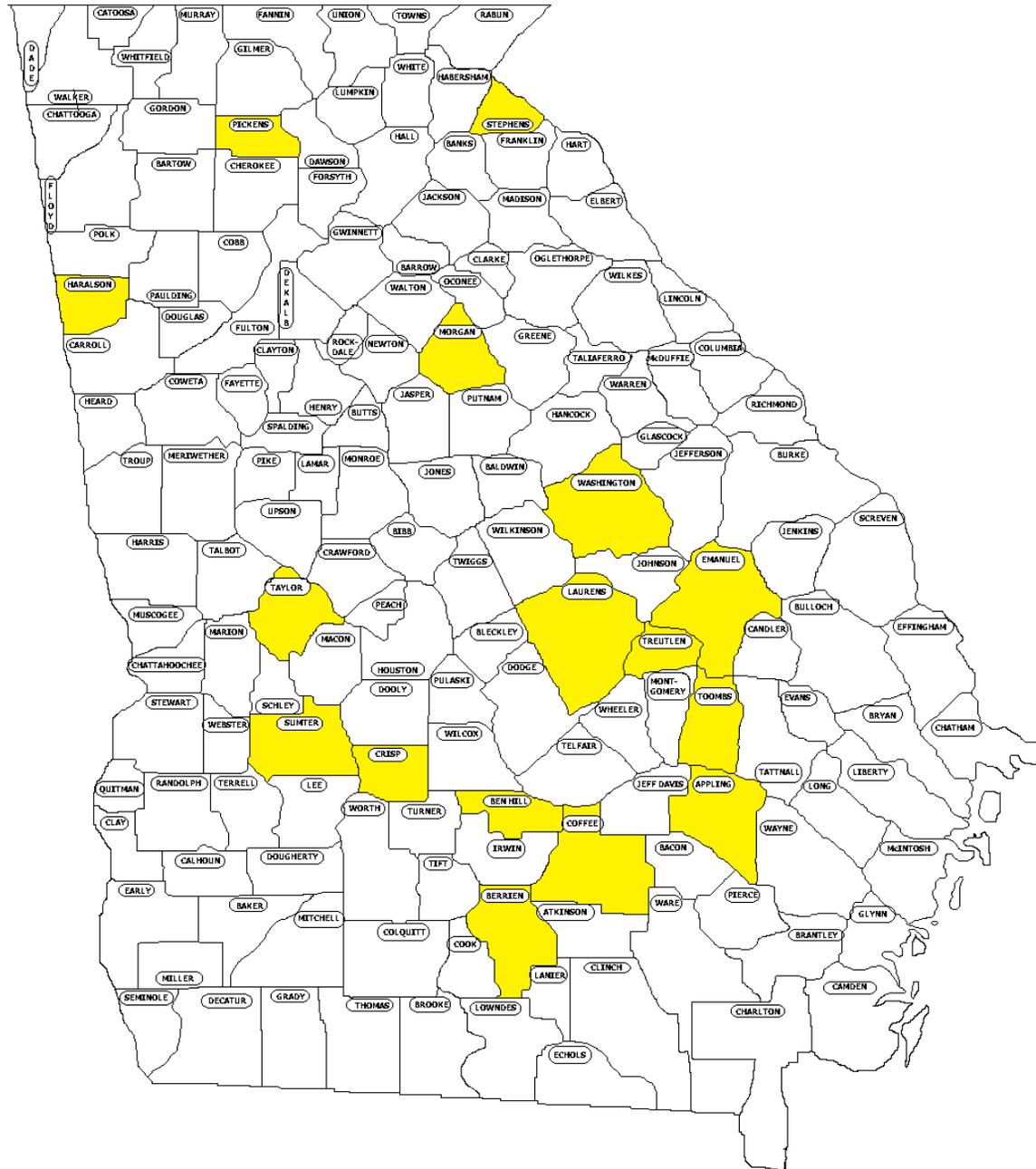
# APRNLRP

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 2020, unless otherwise noted.

Name	Award Year(s)	County	Specialty
Ashley Adams, APRN	2020	Toombs	OB/GYN
Sharonda Brown, APRN	2020	Berrien	Family Medicine
Travis Dobbs, APRN	2020, 2019, 2018	Stephens	Internal Medicine
Michael Edenfield, APRN	2020, 2019, 2018, 2017	Emanuel	Family Medicine
Angel Gilreath, APRN	2020	Treutlen	Midwifery
Amanda Hobbs, APRN	2020, 2019	Emanuel / Toombs	Physiatry
Jami Hodges, APRN	2020, 2019, 2018	Sumter	Pediatrics
Kristin Hunter, APRN	2020, 2019, 2018, 2017	Pickens	Family Medicine
Amanda Jarriel, APRN	2020, 2019, 2018, 2017	Emanuel	Family Medicine
Heather Kemp, APRN	2020	Sumter	Family Medicine
Megan Kight, APRN	2020, 2019, 2018	Emanuel	Internal Medicine
Steven Lashley, APRN	2020	Toombs	Emergency Medicine
Rhonda Oglesby, APRN	2020	Emanuel	Family Medicine
Lori Pope, APRN	2020, 2019, 2018	Haralson	Family Medicine
Debbie Purvis, APRN	2020	Coffee	Family Medicine
Debra Rathbun, APRN	2020, 2019, 2018	Coffee	Emergency Medicine
Tonya Register, APRN	2020, 2019, 2018	Ben Hill	Psychiatry
Haley Revell, APRN	2020, 2019, 2018	Crisp	Urology
Amanda Riley, APRN	2020, 2019, 2018	Taylor	Family Medicine
Jennifer Taylor, APRN	2020	Crisp	Oncology
Whitney Walls, APRN	2020	Sumter	Anesthesiology
Allison Welch, APRN	2020, 2019, 2018, 2017	Morgan	Family Medicine
Laura White, APRN	2020, 2019, 2018, 2017	Toombs	Pediatrics
Kimberly Williams, APRN	2020, 2019, 2018	Appling	Family Medicine
Stacy Williford, APRN	2020, 2019, 2018, 2017	Laurens / Washington	Family Medicine

# APRNLRP (continued)

In FY 2020, the Board awarded 25 recipients through the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Loan Repayment Program which provided 16 rural Georgia counties with improved access to care.





## Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce

Questions? Comments? Concerns?

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