



Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce

AWARD REPORT FOR LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS

Fiscal Year 2022

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The Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce (GBHCW) strives to identify the physician, physician assistant, advanced practice, registered nurse, and dentist workforce needs of Georgia communities, and to meet those needs 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 2022.

In total, the Board awarded **\$1,782,247** to 94 recipients:

- Physicians for Rural Areas Assistance Program, 36 recipients, 24 counties, \$921,283
- Georgia Physician Loan Repayment Program, 4 recipients, 4 counties, \$170,000
- Dentists for Rural Areas Assistance Program, 12 recipients, 9 counties, \$271,137
- Physician Assistant Loan Repayment Program, 21 recipients, 17 counties, \$210,000
- Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Loan Repayment Program, 21 recipients, 14 counties, \$209,827

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 2020 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 up to \$25,000 through the PRAA for FY 2022, unless otherwise noted.

Name	Award Year(s)	County	Specialty
Priscilla Amoah M.D.	2020, 2021, 2022	Tift	Pediatrics
Rachel Anderson, D.O.	2021, 2022	Thomas	Family Medicine
Nikkia A. Blake M.D	2022	Butts	Emergency Medicine
David Carstens, M.D.	2021, 2022	Brantley	Family Medicine
Caitlyn Coleman, M.D.	2021, 2022	Wayne	Pediatrics
Lindsay Dowis, D.O.	2019, 2020, 2021, 2022	Lumpkin / Rabun	Family Medicine
Kendrix J. Evans, M.D.	2020, 2021, 2022	Toombs	General Surgery
Henry L. Ferland, III, D.O.	2020, 2021, 2022	Toombs	General Surgery
James Hamilton, M.D.	2020, 2021 ,2022	Lumpkin	Family Medicine
Patrick Hanson, M.D.	2019, 2020, 2021, 2022	Laurens	Orthopedics
Shaista Hussain, M.D.	2020, 2021, 2022	Coffee	Family Medicine
Geri Ellen Justice, M.D.	2020, 2021, 2022	Thomas	OB/GYN
Mana Kasongo, M.D.	2019, 2020, 2021, 2022	Crisp	Emergency Medicine
Johan Koo D.O.	2020, 2021, 2022	Lumpkin	Family Medicine
Kristina L. Kruse M.D	2022	McDuffie	Family Medicine
Abraham Mathai M.D	2022	Fannin	Internal Medicine
Logan McCool, D.O.	2021, 2022	Coffee	Physiatry
Jason B. Moye, M.D.	2019, 2020, 2021, 2022	Decatur	OB/GYN

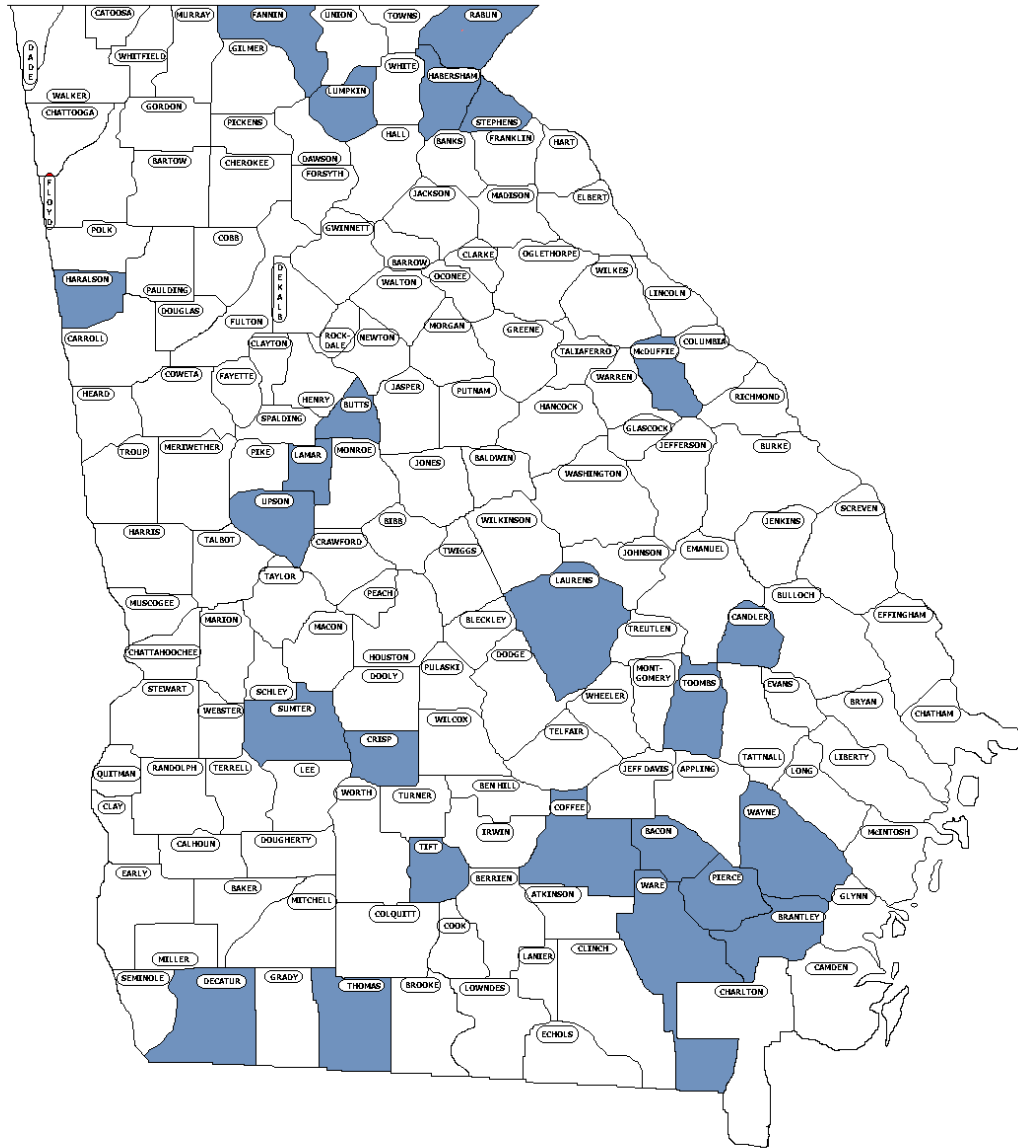
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Name	Award Year(s)	County	Specialty
Thaihang Nguyen, D.O.	2020, 2021, 2022	Coffee	Family Medicine
Christina H. Noguera, M.D.	2019, 2020, 2021, 2022	Upson	Family Medicine
Dominiq Okoduwa M.D.	2022	Sumter	Internal Medicine
Grace Patterson M.D.	2022	Stephens	Pediatrics
Shannon Price, M.D.	2019, 2020, 2021, 2022	Tift	OB/GYN
Robert Quick M.D.	2022	Stephens	Family Medicine
Alicia Register, M.D.	2020, 2021, 2022	Crisp	General Surgery
Jack Royal, M.D.	2021, 2022	Crisp	Anesthesiology
Josh D. Simmons, M.D.	2020, 2021, 2022	Decatur / Thomas	Internal Medicine
Shad A. Stormant, M.D.	2019, 2020, 2021, 2022	Ware	Family Medicine
Ravin B. Talati M.D.	2020, 2021, 2022	Habersham	Family Medicine
Erin Tanner, M.D.	2020, 2021, 2022	Candler	Internal Medicine
Brandi Warren, D.O.	2020, 2021, 2022	Thomas	Family Medicine
Jesse R. Warren D.O.	2020, 2021, 2022	Thomas	Family Medicine
Nicholas Webster, M.D.	2020, 2021, 2022	Tift	Pediatrics
Josh Wilburn, M.D.	2020, 2021, 2022	Haralson	Internal Medicine
Carol Williams, M.D.	2020, 2021, 2022	Coffee	Pediatrics
Sherida L. Williams M.D.	2022	Upson	OB/GYN

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In FY 2022, the Board awarded 36 recipients through the Physicians for Rural Areas Assistance program which provided 24 rural Georgia counties with improved access to care.



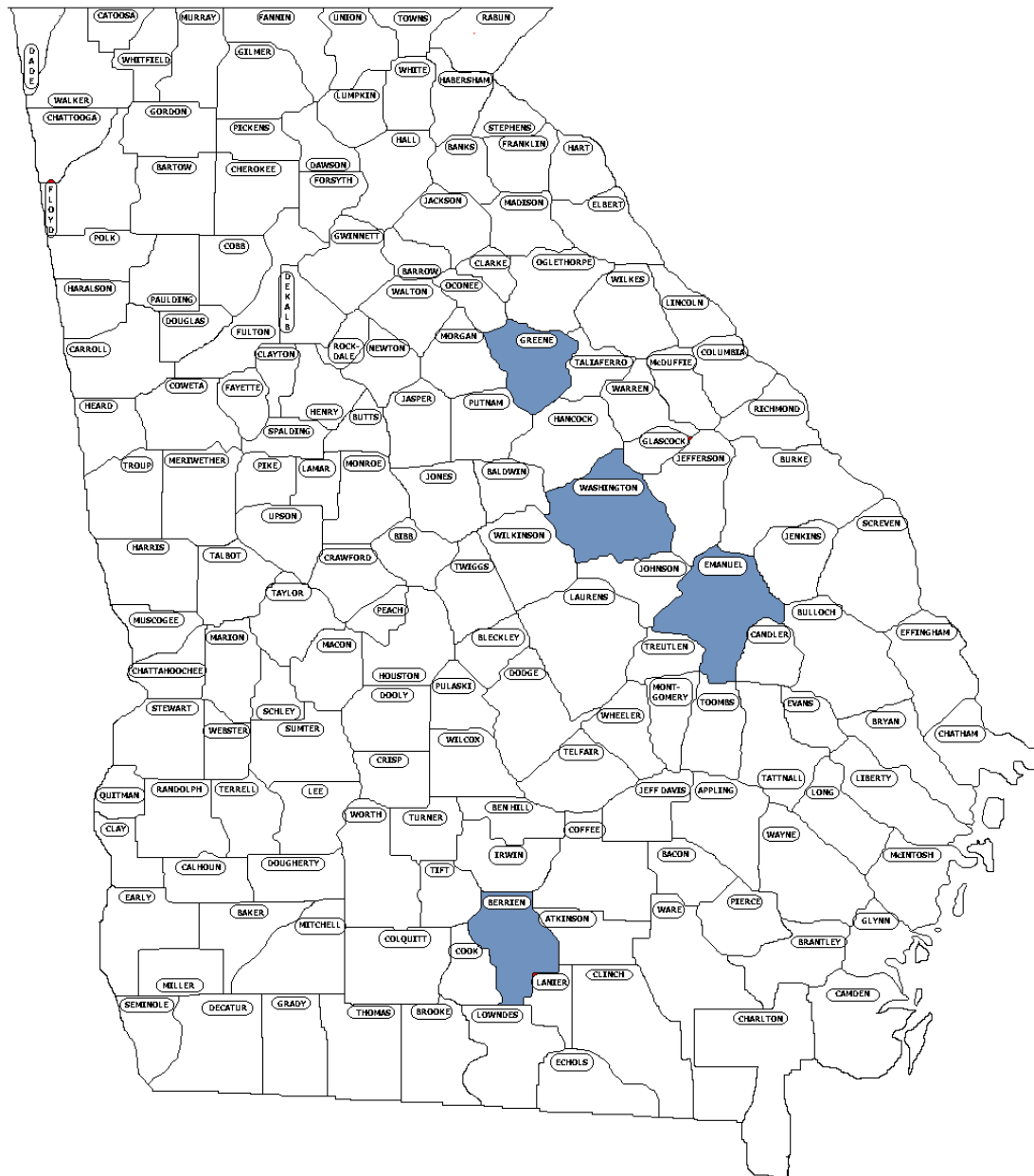
GPLRP

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 received awards through the GPLRP for FY2022.”

Name	Award Year(s)	County	Specialty
William Cheeley, M.D.	2021, 2022	Greene	Internal Medicine
Thomas Ferrari, M.D.	2021, 2022	Emmanuel	Internal Medicine
Jacqueline O’Kane, D.O.	2021, 2022	Berrien	Family Medicine
Michael Sumner, M.D.	2021, 2022	Washington	Internal Medicine

GPLRP (continued)

In FY 2022, the Board awarded four recipients through the Georgia Physician Loan Repayment Program which provided four rural Georgia counties with improved access to care.



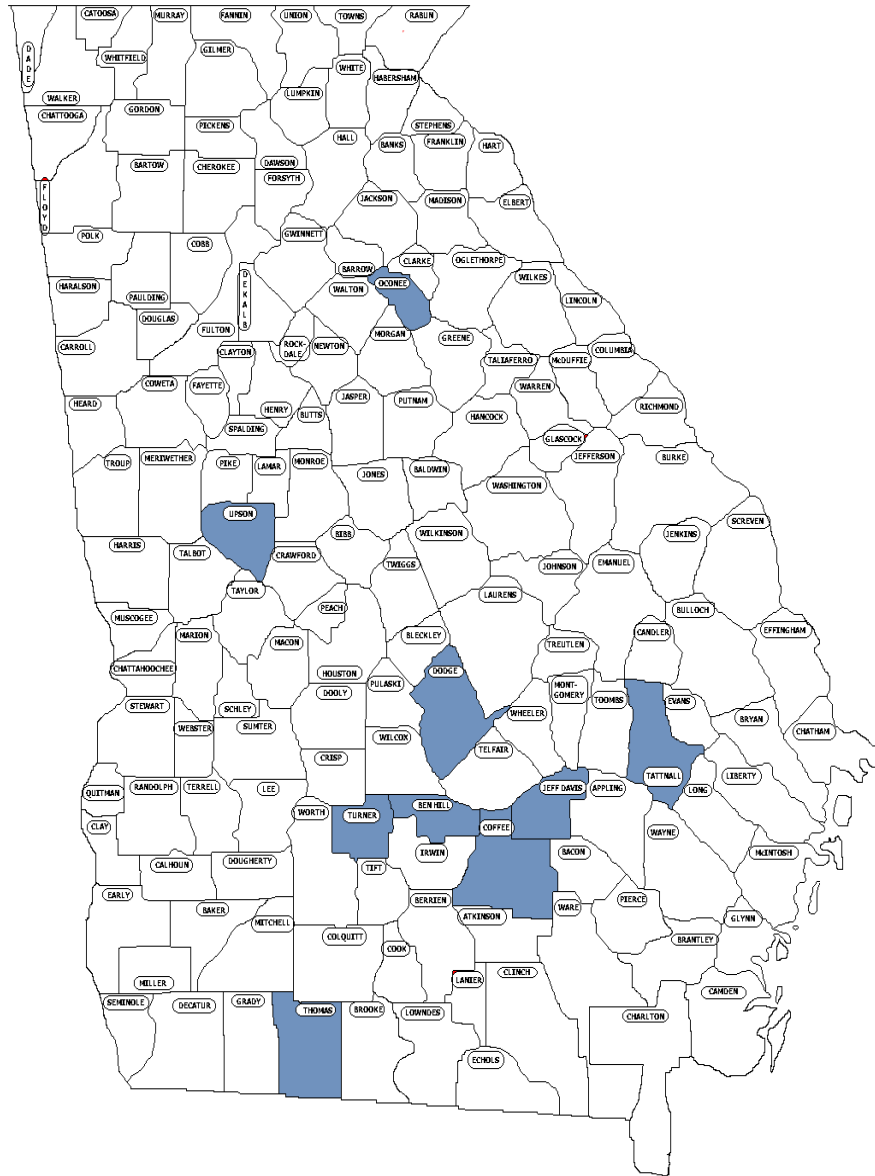
DRAA

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 2022, unless otherwise noted.

Name	Award Year(s)	County
Nathan Buck D.M.D	2022	Tatnall
Gary Crawford, D.M.D.	2020, 2021, 2022	Coffee
Roderick R. Dunham D.M.D	2022	Tatnall
William C. Fussell, D.M.D.	2020, 2021, 2022	Coffee / Jeff Davis
Jessilee B. Grantham D.M.D	2022	Coffee/ Jeff Davis
Wallis S. Hobby, D.M.D.	2020, 2021, 2022	Turner
Stephen D. Hobby D.M.D	2022	Turner
Bahar Jalalian D.M.D.	2022	Ben Hill/ Upson
Mike W. Jin D.M.D.	2022	Oconee
Clayton S. Oliver, D.M.D.	2019, 2020, 2021, 2022	Dodge
Eun J. Shin D.M.D.	2022	Oconee
Sharon P. Vickers D.M.D.	2022	Thomas

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In FY 2022, the Board awarded 12 recipients through the Dentists for Rural Areas Assistance program which provided 9 rural Georgia counties with improved access to care.



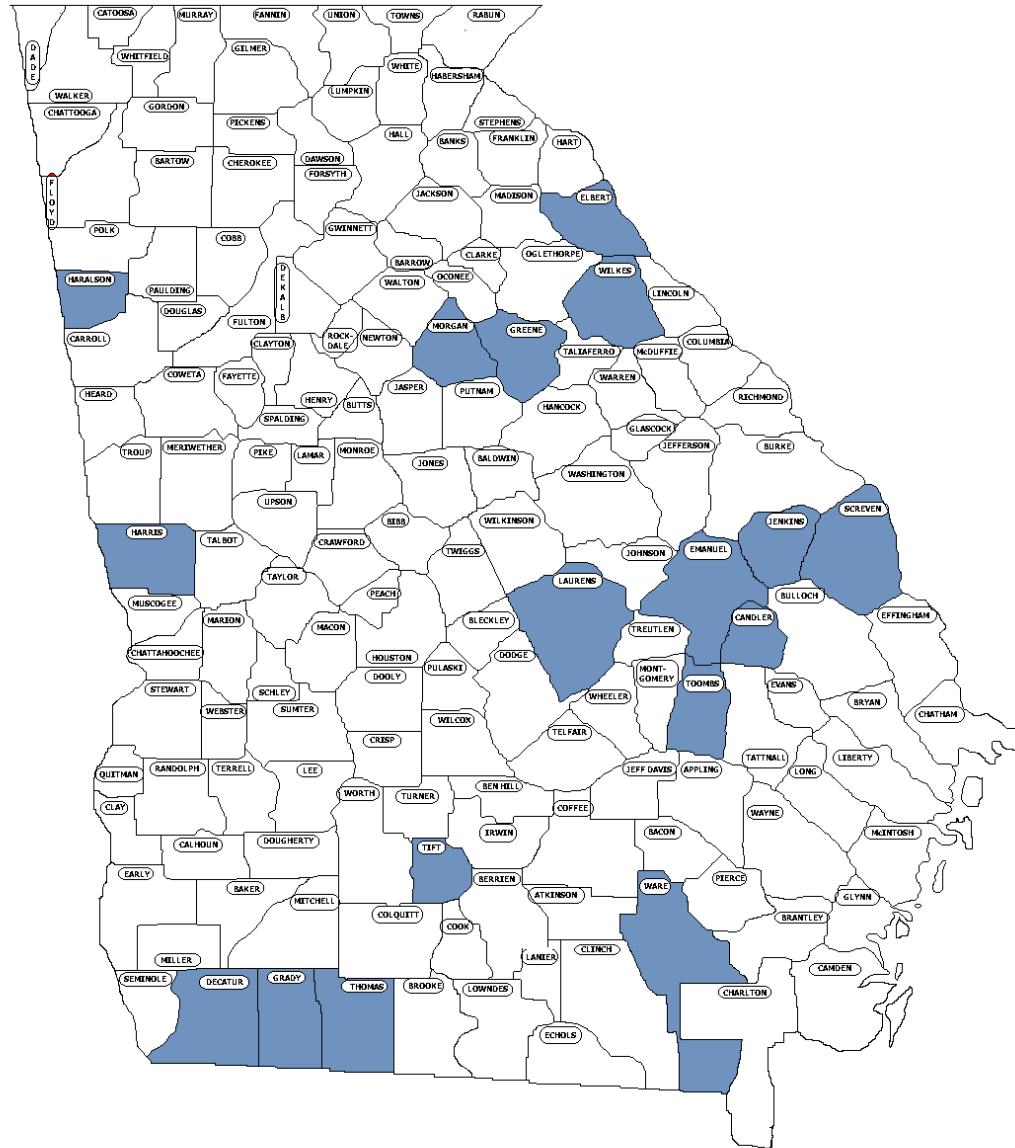
PALRP

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 2022, unless otherwise noted.

Name	Award Year(s)	County	Specialty
Ivey Allen, PA-C	2020, 2021, 2022	Thomas	General Surgery
Kathryn Blevins, PA-C	2020, 2021, 2022	Tift	Emergency Medicine
Payton E. Burriss P.A-C	2022	Wilkes	Family Medicine
Daniel Dasher, PA-C	2020, 2021, 2022	Toombs	Internal Medicine
Jodi Gilmer, PA-C	2020 2021, 2022	Emanuel	Family Medicine
Marissa Highnote , PA-C	2022	Wilkes/ Elbert	Internal Medicine/ Pediatrics
Renah Hightower, PA-C	2021, 2022	Laurens	Allergy and Immunology
Archie T. Kirkley, PA-C	2019, 2020, 2021, 2022	Toombs	Pediatrics
Ashley E. Long, PA-C	2019, 2020, 2021, 2022	Morgan	Family Medicine
Jacob Lunsford, PA-C	2020, 2021, 2022	Laurens	Emergency Medicine
Lesley Maples, PA-C	2021, 2022	Grady	Family Medicine
Christopher Mock, PA-C	2021, 2022	Thomas	Anesthesiology
Brandi Parker, PA-C	2020, 2021, 2022	Haralson	Family Medicine
John M. Pracht PA-C	2022	Harris County	Family Medicine
Courtney B. Stevens, PA-C	2019, 2020, 2021, 2022	Tift	General Surgery
Sera G. Story, PA-C	2019, 2020, 2021, 2022	Emanuel	Family Medicine
Dillon Veal PA-C	2022	Ware	Emergency Medicine
Jennifer Vincent	2021	Greene	Cardiology
Cody War, PA-C	2019, 2020, 2021, 2022	Wilkes / Jenkins	Emergency Medicine
Callie A. Wilkes PA-C	2022	Toombs	Pediatrics
Anna H. Williams PA-C	2022	Screven	Family Medicine

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In FY 2022, the Board awarded 21 recipients through the Physician Assistant Loan Repayment Program which provided 17 rural Georgia counties with improved access to care.



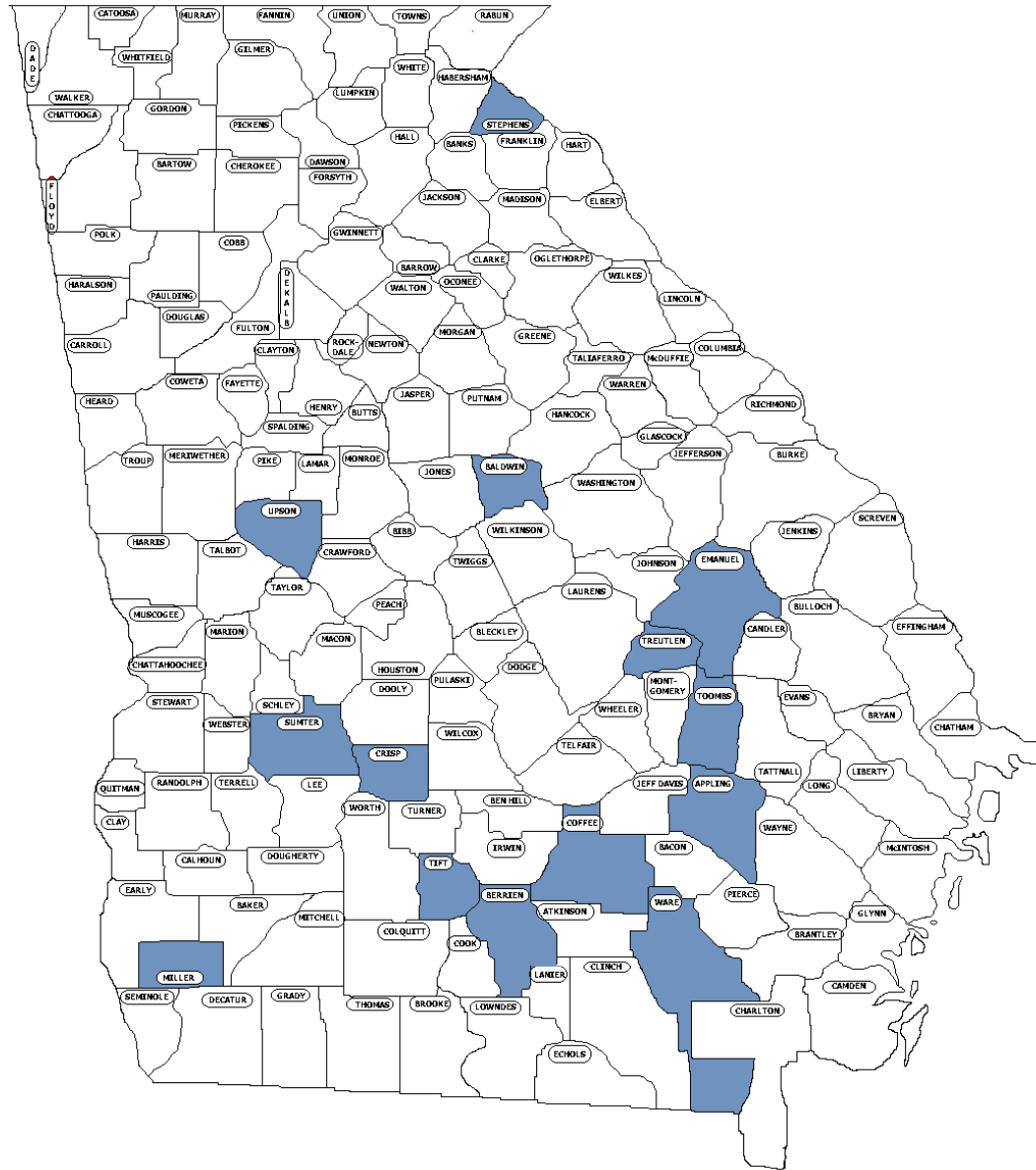
APRNLRP

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 2022, unless otherwise noted.

Name	Award Year(s)	County	Specialty
Ashlie Brackin, MSN	2021, 2022	Miller	Family Medicine
Sharonda Brown, MSN	2020, 2021, 2022	Berrien	Family Medicine
Morgan R. Carter MSN	2022	Stephens	Internal Medicine
Catherine E. Dennis MSN	2022	Upson	Family Practice
Jody L. Dolan MSN	2022	Upson	Pediatrics
Angel Gilreath, MSN	2020, 2021, 2022	Treutlen	Midwifery
Jeanette L. Hale MSN	2022	Appling	Family Practice
Merrie Hamby, MSN	2018, 2019, 2021, 2022	Stephens	Internal Medicine
Kathlyn T. Hogg MSN	2022	Baldwin	Internal Medicine
Carmen Y. Jackson MSN	2022	Ware	Family Practice
Steven Lashley, MSN	2020, 2021, 2022	Toombs	Emergency Medicine
Sybil Lew MSN	2022	Upson	Family Practice
Jessica Milner, MSN	2021, 2022	Baldwin	Psychiatry
Anna M. Money MSN	2022	Berrien	Family Practice
Andrea C. Morgan MSN	2022	Toombs/ Treutlen	Internal Medicine
Rhonda Oglesby, MSN	2020, 2021, 2022	Emanuel	Family Medicine
Debbie Purvis, MSN	2020, 2021, 2022	Coffee	Family Medicine
Megan B. Robbins MSN	2022	Tift	OB/GYN
Laurel S. Sapp MSN	2022	Toombs	Primary Care
Jennifer Taylor, MSN	2020, 2021, 2022	Crisp	Oncology
Whitney Walls, MSN	2020, 2021, 2022	Sumter	Anesthesiology

APRNLRP (continued)

In FY 2022, the Board awarded 21 recipients through the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Loan Repayment Program which provided 14 rural Georgia counties with improved access to care.





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