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Thanks for your interest in one of the loan repayment programs through the Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce (GBHCW). We appreciate your commitment to improving the health care of Georgians in rural areas.

<u>unfortunately, the GBHCW loan repayment program you selected is not taking application</u> <u>at this time</u>. The usual application window is from September through December. The Board uses a system to rank all applicants according to certain criteria: medical specialty, level of medical education debt, county of residence, etc. Then during its quarterly Board meeting in January, the Board votes to approve applications with respect to how many slots are available, as funding can vary every year.

If an approved applicant declines the loan repayment award (job loss, relocation to a non-qualifying area, etc.), the next highest ranked applicant is moved up. If there are no more eligible applicants, the application window will open again.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board by phone at (404) 232-7972 or by email at <u>GBHCW@dch.ga.gov</u>.