



The Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce manages a state initiative aimed at aiding physicians in repaying their educational loans acquired during medical school. The Physicians for Rural Areas Assistance Program offers loans of up to \$25,000 per year that can be canceled through service, provided that the recipient practices in underserved rural areas of Georgia with populations of 50,000 or fewer. Contracts are awarded for one year and are renewable for a maximum of four years. The program is financially supported by the State of Georgia. For program details, please refer to the chart below.

### Physicians for Rural Areas Assistance Program (PRAA)

Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants must be a legal resident of the U.S., have graduated from an accredited graduate medical educational program or provisional accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or American Osteopathic Association. Have an unrestricted medical license by the Georgia Composite Medical Board, hold a Medicaid Provider Number in Georgia and actively engage in treating Medicaid patients.

When to apply?

The application cycle begins September 1st and ends December 1st. The application is available on the GBHCW website and to be submitted online.

What is the grant amount?

\$25,000 each year

What is the renewal process?

Recipients must reapply each year for a maximum of four years

What is service repayment?

One year commitment working full-time in a Georgia county with a population of 50,000 or less

What are the penalties of not fulfilling commitment?

Repaying double the principal amount received

This chart serves solely as an informational resource and does not include all the program's conditions. For the most up to date program conditions and information regarding the program, please visit <https://healthcareworkforce.georgia.gov/loan-repayment-scholarship-programs/loan-repayment-programs>



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Eligible Communities Map for PRAA, DRAA, PALRP,  
GPELRP and APRNLRP

## Eligible Practice Locations

Counties of 50,000 or less  
according to the 2020 U.S. Census,  
shown in red.

