



ASPHO members can now apply for the [Pediatric Specialty Loan Repayment Program](#) (PSLRP) through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). This program will provide loan repayment for pediatric medical subspecialists, pediatric surgical specialists, and child mental health professionals who care for children in underserved areas, addressing critical shortages of these professionals by lessening financial disincentives for serving in such areas. You can find the application and additional information on the program on [this web page](#). The deadline for applications is **July 20, 2023, at 7:30 PM ET**. An informational webinar and Q&A sessions are being offered to help with the application process (dates and links below).

ASPHO has been working with the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and other organizations for several years to create and fund this program. We are very excited that the PSLRP is now up and running and available to ASPHO members.

Am I Eligible for this Program?

To be eligible for the PSLRP, you must be:

1. A United States citizen, national, or permanent resident;
2. Fully licensed or credentialed in an eligible discipline (pediatric medical specialists, pediatric surgical specialist, and child and adolescent psychiatrists); and
3. One of the following:
 - a. A full-time employee or clinician who has accepted a position located in a Pediatric Specialty LRP-approved facility located in OR serving a [health professional shortage area](#) (HPSA) or [medically underserved area](#) (MUA), or a medically underserved population (MUP), or
 - b. A health professional entering or receiving training in an accredited pediatric medical subspecialty, pediatric surgical specialty residency, or fellowship.

Please note, there are several references to Pediatric Specialty Loan Repayment Program (LRP) approved facilities. You do NOT need to be currently working in an LRP approved facility to apply or be accepted by the program. You can also qualify for the PSLRP if you serve an underserved area, even if you do not work directly in one. HRSA will make the determination if where you work is eligible when they review your application.

Additional Resources and Help with Your Application

You may receive assistance and additional information on filling out your application from HRSA as they present a webinar and question and answer sessions.

- [Pediatric Specialty LRP Webinar](#) – June 21, 1-2:30 p.m. ET Meeting ID: 160 878 6635 | (833) 568-8864 | Passcode: 74862034
- [Pediatric Specialty LRP Q&A Session #1](#) – June 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. ET
- [Pediatric Specialty LRP Q&A Session #2](#) – July 6, 1-5 p.m. ET
- [Pediatric Specialty Loan Repayment Program Q&A Session #3](#) – July 20, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. ET

Please also review the [HRSA Application and Program Guidance](#) for additional, detailed information that will help you as you fill out your application.