



Children's Medicaid Loan Repayment Program

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Children's Medicaid Loan Program

- Program Background
 - Purpose: To increase access to health care for children enrolled in Medicaid
 - Funded by general revenue as one of the *Frew v Hawkins* Strategic Initiative Projects
 - Coordinated effort between the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)
- What Geographic Areas of the State will be served?
 - Statewide
 - Priority to Texas Health Steps lagging counties and health professional shortage areas

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- What types of health care providers are eligible to apply for Loans?
 - Physicians
 - Primary Care Providers
 - Specialists-board certified or board eligible
 - Dentists
- What are the eligibility criteria?
 - Licensed in Texas
 - Enrolled as a Medicaid provider

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- What type of commitment is required of providers?
 - Four years meeting or exceeding service levels
 - Average 50 visits per month during the first year
 - Average visits increase each year by provider type
- What amount of a provider's loan will be repaid?
 - Maximum \$140,000 over four years
 - Year 1 and 3 - up to \$40,000 per year
 - Year 2 and 4 - up to \$30,000 per year

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	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4	
Max Loan Payout Amount	\$20,000	\$40,000	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$40,000	\$15,000	\$30,000
Specialty/ Subspecialty	Target number of Medicaid visits for children under the age of 21 per month. (Monthly average will be calculated over a 12-month period.)							
Family Physician, Internal Medicine & Ob/GYNs	25	50	40	80	75	150	75	150
Pediatrician	N/A	50	N/A	80	N/A	150	N/A	150
Subspecialists	N/A	15	N/A	24	N/A	45	N/A	45
General Dentists	25	50	37	75	50	100	50	100
Pediatric Dentists	N/A	50	N/A	75	N/A	100	N/A	100

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- How many providers are eligible to apply?
 - 300 new participants each year
 - Maximum of 1200 participants
- How do providers apply?
 - Applications are accepted year round
 - Applications are submitted to DSHS
 - Recipients are selected in June each year
- How does the repayment work?
 - Verification of service levels completed by HHSC and DSHS
 - Payments made by THECB

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- Proposal to be presented at the April 3, 2009, *Frew* Advisory Committee meeting on Expanding the Children's Medicaid Loan Repayment Program
 - Advanced Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, and Certified Nurse Midwives
 - Dental Hygienists
 - Clinical Psychologists, Master's Level Clinical Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Licensed Professional Counselors.