



PENNSYLVANIA PRIMARY CARE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

Practice Site Reference Guide

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Purpose

The purpose of the Pennsylvania Primary Care Loan Repayment Program (LRP) Practice Site Reference Guide (Guide) is to provide clarity on site eligibility requirements, qualification factors, compliance, roles, and responsibilities, as well as a number of other key elements on becoming an LRP-approved site. The Guide serves as an additional resource to supplement the information contained in the online Practice Site Application.

It is strongly recommended that applicants review this document prior to completing their Site Application. Future modifications to the Guide, including updated web links, are subject to occur.

LRP participants and current or eligible LRP sites are requested to reference the online application and information available on the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) website for any program changes:

[Loan Repayment | Department of Health | Commonwealth of Pennsylvania](#)

Program Overview

Introduction

The LRP is a network of primary healthcare professionals that provide comprehensive healthcare services at community-based health centers located in federally designated Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) or serving a significant low-income population. In exchange for their service, the LRP provides clinicians with financial support in the form of educational loan repayment. Clinicians fulfill their service requirement by working at LRP-approved sites.

Eligible disciplines include physicians, physician assistants, certified registered nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, general dentists, registered dental hygienists, public health dental hygiene practitioners, psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors, and licensed marriage and family therapists.

The LRP is administered by the DOH, Primary Care Office.

LRP-approved sites are healthcare facilities that provide comprehensive outpatient, ambulatory, primary healthcare services to underserved populations. Each site that would like to use the LRP to recruit and retain health professionals must submit a Practice Site Application and be approved by the DOH. Site approvals are valid for two years and must be renewed for continued participation in the LRP.

LRP-approved sites can include both main and satellite sites. A main site is the primary clinical practice site for an organization. A satellite site is considered a secondary practice site and an extension of the main site. These clinical practice locations are usually located in communities apart from the main organization site to offer health services in other areas. **Both main and satellite sites must meet eligibility requirements, submit an online Practice Site Application including all required documentation, and be approved by the LRP before eligible practitioners can apply for loan repayment.**

Eligibility Requirements

In its mission to increase access to primary care in underserved areas, the DOH provides loan repayment opportunities as an incentive to recruit to retain primary care practitioners willing to make a commitment to practicing in medically underserved areas.

As such, the following types of sites are eligible to become LRP-approved sites:

- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)
- FQHC Look-Alikes
- Certified Rural Health Clinics (RHCs)
- Hospital-Affiliated Outpatient Primary Care Practices
- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs)
- Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinic licensed by the Pennsylvania Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
- State Correctional Institutions (SCIs)
- Group or Solo Private Practices
- Public Health Departments
- Dental Clinics
- Free Clinics
- Mobile Units (ONLY if the mobile unit is affiliated with and functions as part of an LRP-approved practice site)

The following site types are **NOT** eligible to become an LRP-approved site, even if they are located in a HPSA or serve a minimum of 30 percent low-income patients:

- Inpatient Hospitals
- Other Inpatient Facilities
- Residential Facilities
- Local, County, and Federal Correctional Facilities
- Clinics that limit care to Veterans and Active Duty Military Personnel
- Home-Based Health Care Settings
- Specialty Clinics
- Service Specific Sites
- Sites that limit services to a Categorical Population

Qualification Factors

To be qualified to participate as an LRP-approved site, sites must meet ALL applicable requirements:

- Be physically located in Pennsylvania
- Be located in a Federally designated Primary Care, Dental Health, or Mental Health HPSA as appropriate **OR** serve a minimum of 30 percent low-income patients
- Provide culturally competent, comprehensive outpatient medical, dental, and/or behavioral primary care services
- Ensure access to ancillary, inpatient, and specialty referrals
- Provide services on a free or reduced fee schedule basis to individuals with incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level using a Sliding Fee Discount Program and post signage advertising this statement
- Accept patients covered by Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) as appropriate
- Agree not to discriminate in the provision of services to individuals based on their inability to pay, age, race, color, sex, national origin, disability, religion, sexual orientation, or gender identity
- Use a clinician credentialing process including reference review, licensure verification, and a query of the National Practitioner Data Bank
- Agree not to reduce a clinician's salary due to LRP support
- Support LRP clinicians in maintaining a primary care clinical practice as indicated in their contract with the LRP.

Organizations and clinics that do not provide basic primary and preventive health services furnished by physicians, physician assistants, certified registered nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, dentists, registered dental hygienists, public health dental hygiene practitioners, psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors, and licensed marriage and family therapists related to the specialties of general dentistry, pediatric dentistry, family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, geriatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, and comprehensive primary behavioral health are not eligible. Examples include, but are not limited to, specialty clinics; sites that only provide crisis intervention and addiction treatment; sites that only have substance abuse treatment centers; and clinics that only provide STD/HIV/TB services.

HPSA DESIGNATION

HPSAs are designated by Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Bureau of Health Workforce as having shortages of primary medical care, dental, or mental health providers and may be a geographic area (e.g., county), a population group (e.g., low-income), a public or

private nonprofit medical facility, or other public facility. In order for a provider to apply for loan repayment, the Practice Site must be in a HPSA for the specific category in which the practitioner would serve. For example, an internal medicine physician would need to be practicing at a site with a Primary Care HPSA designation; a psychiatrist at a site with a Mental Health HPSA designation.

To determine if a practice site is located in a HPSA, use the Find Shortage Areas tool on the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) website:
<https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/shortage-area>.

LOW-INCOME PATIENTS

Sites serving low-income patients must have a patient population of at least 30 percent who are considered low-income. The DOH makes this determination by taking into consideration the number of Medicaid patients (including those in Medicaid HMOs), sliding fee scale patients, and patients who receive care but are unable to pay for services.

Prior to receiving DOH approval, sites may be asked to provide a written response as to how phone calls to the office are handled from callers who have no insurance, callers who cannot pay the full amount, and callers who receive Medicaid to document nondiscrimination in serving these groups of individuals and in providing a sliding fee scale or other documentable means to ensure access to health care.

In addition to the above, the DOH may require documentation to support 30 percent of services to the above listed groups for the past three years and the site's intention to serve at least 30 percent in the future.

COMPREHENSIVE PRIMARY CARE

Comprehensive primary care (CPC) is a continuum of care not focused or limited to gender, age, organ system, a particular illness, or categorical population (e.g., developmentally disabled or those with cancer). CPC should be provided as an ongoing delivery of preventive, acute, and chronic primary health services in an LRP-approved specialty. LRP-approved primary care specialties are family medicine, general internal medicine, general pediatrics, geriatrics, and obstetrics/gynecology.

If sites do not offer all primary health services, they must offer an appropriate set of primary health services necessary for the community and/or populations they serve. Sites that focus their efforts on a particular population defined by disease or diagnosis are ineligible for the LRP even if they provide CPC to that population. LRP-approved sites must be open to all patients in the community. Sites must also provide an appropriate referral network for other preventive, acute, and chronic health services.

DENTAL SERVICES

Dental health facilities must offer comprehensive primary dental health services in general or pediatric dentistry. Specialty practices, for example, orthodontics and endodontics, do not meet the definition of comprehensive primary dental care and are not approved by the DOH.

BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

For LRP participation, behavioral and mental health services **MUST** be provided at a practice site that offers comprehensive primary care (such as FQHCs, Look-Alikes, and SCIs), **OR** is an outpatient provider licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS). Behavioral and mental health

facilities are required to offer comprehensive primary behavioral health services to all residents of the community. Facilities that limit care to a specific population, such as individuals with developmental disabilities, are not eligible to participate in the LRP.

All behavioral health service sites that do not also provide comprehensive primary medical care must use the **LRP Comprehensive Behavioral Health Services Checklist** to verify that they offer comprehensive primary behavioral health care services including, but not limited to:

Core Comprehensive Behavioral Health Service Elements

Must be provided directly, on-site, and not through affiliation or referral.

- Screening and Assessment
- Treatment Plans
- Care Coordination

Non-Core Behavioral Health Service Elements

If not provided directly, on-site, these services must be provided through a formal affiliation agreement.

- Diagnosis
- Therapeutic Services
 - Psychiatric Medication Prescribing and Management
 - Substance Use Disorder Treatment
 - Short/Long-Term Hospitalization
- Crisis/Emergency Services (including 24-hour crisis call access)
- Consultative Services
- Case Management

Behavioral Health Clinics must complete and submit the **LRP Comprehensive Behavioral Health Services Checklist**, including the formal affiliation agreements. A copy of the Checklist can be downloaded from: [Behavioral Health Services Checklist.pdf \(pa.gov\)](#)

FREE OR DISCOUNTED SERVICES

LRP-approved sites are required to offer a Sliding Fee Discount Program and apply a Sliding Fee Schedule (SFS), so that the amount owed for services by eligible patients is adjusted based on the patient's ability to pay. Specifically, the Sliding Fee Discount Program must include establishing a schedule of fees for services; a corresponding schedule of discounts for eligible patients based on the patient's ability to pay; and policies and operating procedures, including those around applying for the discount program.

Eligibility for the SFS is based on a patient's annual income and family size under the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services annual Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) and be applied uniformly to all patients. Current poverty guidelines can be found at <https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>.

If a patient who otherwise meets the discount program criteria has insurance coverage from a third party, a site can charge for services to the extent that the third party will make payment.

Sites must establish multiple methods of informing patients of the Sliding Fee Discount Program including prominently displaying notices about the discount program in common areas and on the site's website if one exists. In addition, information about the Sliding Fee Discount Program must be available in appropriate languages and literacy levels for the patient population served.

Sites that do not charge or bill for any services (i.e., a free clinic or an SCI) are exempt from the requirement to offer a Sliding Fee Discount Program.

Sliding Fee Schedule (SFS) – must include the following elements:

- Applicable to all individuals and families with annual incomes at or below 200 percent of the **current** FPG
- Provide a full discount for individuals and families with annual incomes at or below 100 percent of the FPG, with allowance for a nominal charge
- Adjust fees based on family size and income for individuals and families with incomes above 100 percent and at or below 200 percent of the FPG

The DOH will reserve the right to determine the reasonableness of a site's nominal charge, prior to approval.

Written Sliding Fee Discount Program Policy – the policy must be in place for at least six continuous months prior to applying to become an LRP-approved site and must address the following:

- Patient eligibility, including definitions of income and family size, and frequency of re-evaluation of patient eligibility
- Documentation and verification requirements to determine patient eligibility
- How the discount program will be advertised to the patient population
- If the site chooses to collect a nominal charge for those at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level, an explanation of the nominal charge and policies around establishing and collecting nominal charges
- If any patient using the discount program will be sent to collection for outstanding debt

Application Information

Application Procedure

Interested sites can submit their application online via the LRP website: [Loan Repayment | Department of Health | Commonwealth of Pennsylvania](#). Please read these instructions carefully before completing the Site Application. Each site administrator or designee will be held responsible for ensuring that all information reported on this application is true and accurate. Any intentional or negligent misrepresentation of the information contained in the application may result in the forfeiture of your organization's eligibility to participate in the LRP. Missing information will delay the processing of your application.

Once a site is LRP-approved, its approval is valid for two years, as long as the site continues to meet all LRP eligibility requirements and qualification factors. Any site that wants to reapply must submit a Site Application including the supporting documents. The LRP will notify a site three months before their approval is due to expire.


CREATE USER ACCOUNT

Prior to completing an online application, the applicant must create a user account in the LRP portal by selecting "Request Account" on the main logon page. **Only one user account can be created per organization.**

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Username:

Password:


 [Reset Password](#)

On the Create Account page, select Site Application as the Application Type. The user will be asked to select an Organization from the drop-down menu. If the organization name is not present in the drop-down menu, type it in on the line below. Only **one** of these two organization fields is required.

Create Account



First Name:



Last Name:


Date of Birth:  (MM/DD/YYYY)


Phone:

Email:


Application Type:  

Organization:   **OR**


Organization: 

Question 1: 

Answer 1:

Question 2: 

Answer 2:

Question 3: 

Answer 3:

Username:

Password:

Confirm Password:

Passwords should be 12-16 characters long and include upper case, lower case, numbers and special characters

Note, everything in the LRP system is case and space sensitive. Usernames are limited to 10 characters and passwords must be 12 – 16 characters in length and contain upper- and lower-case letters, a number, and a special character.

COMPLETE APPLICATION

Start a Practice Site Application by clicking on Site Application in the left-hand menu.

The screenshot shows a dark blue sidebar menu on the left with the following items: Logoff, User Maintenance, Site Application (highlighted in yellow), and Organization Information. The main content area is white and contains the following elements: Organization Name: Organization; View All Practice Sites : [Generate Report] button; Submitted Sites : [- Select One - v] dropdown menu; Started Site Applications [No data found.] button.

Applicants are expected to complete each of the sections below to be able to submit an online application.

Organization Details – This section is for the organization information. The organization may or may not be the same as the practice site. **An organization may have multiple practice sites. If an organization wishes to have multiple sites approved, they must complete a Site Application for each site.** Include the name of the executive director of the organization and his or her title. Hit the Save and Continue button to move to the next tab.

The screenshot shows the 'Organization Details' form with the following fields: Name of Organization (Organization), Address, City, State (PA), Zip Code, Phone, Fax, Name of Executive Director, Title, Phone, Email, Fax, and a Save and Continue button.

Site Information – This section is for the practice site information which is the physical location where the outpatient primary care services are provided. **Site Applications are address specific. An Organization with multiple sites must submit a Site Application for each location.** The Practice Site Director will be the individual contacted if additional information regarding the site or the practitioner is required. HPSA information can be found at: <https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/shortage-area>. The HPSA needs to correspond with the type of primary care services provided at this location – primary medical, dental, or mental health. If the site provides more than one type of service, use the primary care HPSA. If the site is not located in a HPSA or you are unsure of the HPSA, this field may be left blank and will be edited by LRP Administration.

Organization Details	Site Information	Providers	Patient Information	Requirements	Submit Application
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Practice Site Name
Street Address

City
County - Select One -
TWP/BORO
State PA
Zip Code
Practice Site Director Name
Phone
Email
Fax
HPSA Name
HPSA ID
Type of Practice Public
 Private Non-Profit
 Private For Profit

Check One Category

<input type="checkbox"/> Public Health Department	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Rural Health Clinic
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Affiliated Clinic	<input type="checkbox"/> FQHC
<input type="checkbox"/> Group Practice	<input type="checkbox"/> Free Clinic
<input type="checkbox"/> Solo Practice	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic
<input type="checkbox"/> State Correctional Institution	<input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinic
<input type="checkbox"/> FQHC Look Alike	<input type="checkbox"/> Dental Clinic
<input type="checkbox"/> Other(Specify)	
<input type="text"/>	

Providers – This section is for recording current and full staffing levels based on 36-40-hour Full Time Equivalents (FTEs). For example, if a practitioner works 40 hours a week, that is a 1.0 FTE. If the practitioner works 20 hours a week, that is a 0.5 FTE. Current staffing is how many, and what type of providers are currently on staff at this location. Full staff level is how many, and what type of providers would be on staff at this location if all positions were filled and there are no vacancies.

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Current Level</u>	<u>Full Staff Level</u>
Physicians	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Dentists	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Physician Assistants	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Certified Nurse-Midwives	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Registered Dental Hygienists	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Psychologists	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Licensed Clinic Social Workers	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Licensed Professional Counselors	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Marriage and Family Therapists	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Total FTEs	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Patient Information – This section is for recording the number of active patients by source of payment. Fill in the number of patients (white areas) and the system will automatically calculate the percentage and total numbers (grey areas). For practices serving low-income patients, this data is used to determine that at least 30 percent of the site's patients be Medicaid patients (including those in Medicaid HMOs), sliding fee scale patients, and patients who are unable to pay for services. Patients that are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid should be included in the Medicaid numbers. Primary Care and Dental patients should be listed separately. If possible, Behavioral Health patients should also be listed separately. If not, Behavioral Health patients may be included in the Primary Care patient numbers.

Organization Details	Site Information	Providers	Patient Information	Requirements	Submit Application						
<p>Total Number of Active Patients(not patient encounters) of the Site in Previous Year</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; border: none;">For Primary Care</td> <td style="width: 33%; border: none;">For Dental Care</td> <td style="width: 33%; border: none;">For Behavioral Care</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </table>						For Primary Care	For Dental Care	For Behavioral Care			
For Primary Care	For Dental Care	For Behavioral Care									
<p>List the total number of primary care patients by source of payment at this Practice Site during the past year. (Do not combine patient numbers from other practice sites or from specialists, if located at the same site). List all Medicaid HMO patients in Medicaid. List all non-Medicaid HMO patients in Full Pay and Commercial Insurance. Other is a category for patients who cannot pay the full amount, but pay you something. No Pay is for patients you do not charge.</p>											
Primary Care											
		# of patients		% of practice							
1. Medicare											
2. Medicaid											
3. Other(Sliding Fee Scale)											
4. No Pay											
5. Full Pay and Commercial Insurance											
Dental Care											
		# of patients		% of practice							
1. Medicare											
2. Medicaid											
3. Other(Sliding Fee Scale)											
4. No Pay											
5. Full Pay and Commercial Insurance											
Behavioral Care											
		# of patients		% of practice							
1. Medicare											
2. Medicaid											
3. Other(Sliding Fee Scale)											
4. No Pay											
5. Full Pay and Commercial Insurance											
<input type="button" value="Back"/> <input type="button" value="Save and Continue"/>											

Requirements – In this section, all requirements must be met for a site to be approved for loan repayment. By clicking the check box, the executive director or medical director verifies that each requirement is met. If a requirement cannot be met, provide an explanation in the Comments box. The organization must comply with all requirements.

Organization Details Site Information Providers Patient Information Requirements Submit Application
<p>Requirements for Recruitment/Retention Assistance</p> <p>By checking each box below, the Executive Director/Medical Director verifies that each requirement is met. All requirements must be met for a site to be approved. If a requirement cannot be met, provide an explanation in the Comments box below. Organizations must comply with all requirements.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Accessibility: Site shall assure accessibility to all patients as follows</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> LRP providers at site will accept assignment for Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP patients.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Site uses a sliding/discount fee schedule using current Federal Poverty Levels(FPLs) that assures no financial barriers to care for those below 200% of FPL. Copy of sliding/Discount Fee Schedule that assures no financial barriers to care MUST be uploaded with this applicaiton</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Site will conspicuously post a statement that all patients, regardless of their ability to pay, will receive medical care.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Site has a nondiscrimination policy that prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, disability, sexual orientation or religion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Comprehensive System of Care</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Providers shall practice in out-patient primary care settings that assure the availability of comprehensive primary care services, including after hours, inpatient civerage, and referral arrangements for services not available on site</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hospital privileges for inpatient practice shall be encouraged pending appropriate credentialing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Quality of Care</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Site has a credentialing program in place to review references and verify licensure and certification status of all providers, including a query of National Practitioner Data Bank</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Site has an improvement system in place, which may include patient satisfaction surveys, peer review systems, clinical outcome measures or similar systems.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Services will be delivered in a culturally appropriate fashion so as to be sensitive and responsive to the needs of the target population.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Site will address retention of providers through monitoring of turnover, clinical team management efforts, pay comparability surveys, exit interviews, and other means.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Provider Employment Contract</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> LRP providers shall practice only at the site(s) to which originally assigned unless a change is approved in writing by Department of Health.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> All LRP providers will have contracts or employment agreements that include the following: - Full-time providers must work atleast 40 hours per week in no less than four days per week. - Half-time providers must work atleast 20 hours per week but no more than 39 hours per week in no less than two days per week.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> On call hours, travel time and hospital rounds shall not be included as part of the minimum required hours.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Salary and benefits offered shall be at least equal to those offered to an individual not participating in the LRP.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Continuing professional education time and funds shall be made available.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Site shall inform the Bureau of Health Planning immediately regarding the employment status of LRP providers including resignation, termination,extended leave of absence, reduction of hours, or change in practice site.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Site shall document all circumstances surrounding resignations and terminations and provide this to the Bureau of Health Planning upon request.</p> <hr/> <p>Comments:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="button" value="Back"/> <input type="button" value="Save and Continue"/> </p>

Submit Application – In order for an application to be considered complete, a copy of the organization’s sliding fee scale and policy must be uploaded. The written board-approved policy must address how telephone calls to the office are handled from callers who have no insurance; callers who cannot pay the full amount; and callers who receive Medicaid to document your nondiscrimination in serving these groups of individuals and in providing a sliding fee scale or other documentable means to ensure access to health care.

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics and Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinics must also upload a completed “**LRP Comprehensive Behavioral Health Services Checklist**”. A copy of the Checklist can be downloaded from: [Behavioral Health Services Checklist.pdf \(pa.gov\)](#)

Organization Details	Site Information	Providers	Patient Information	Requirements	Submit Application
Copy of Sliding/Discount Fee Schedule <input type="text"/> <input data-bbox="1089 585 1458 615" type="button" value="Browse..."/>					
Policy Implementing Sliding/Discount Fee Schedule <input type="text"/> <input data-bbox="1089 657 1458 686" type="button" value="Browse..."/>					
Behavioral Health Services Checklist <input type="text"/> <input data-bbox="1089 728 1458 758" type="button" value="Browse..."/>					
Signature Agreement					
<p>By typing my name in the indicated fields, I hereby certify that all of the information submitted in this entry is true, accurate and complete. I understand that transactions and/or signatures in record may not be denied legal effect solely because they are conducted, executed, or prepared in electronic form, and that if a law requires a record or signature to be in writing, an electronic record or signature satisfies that requirement. I further understand that false statements made knowingly and willfully are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment under the provisions of 16 U.S.C. § 1857 and U.S.C. § 1001</p>					
<input type="checkbox"/> I have read and understand the statement above					
Signature: <input type="text"/>					
<input data-bbox="756 1131 963 1161" type="button" value="Submit Application"/> <input data-bbox="976 1131 1049 1161" type="button" value="Back"/>					

An application cannot be submitted until the Sliding Fee Scale and Discount Policy are attached, and the application has been digitally signed.

A message, “Application Submitted Successfully,” will be returned indicating successful submission of the application.

Site application submitted successfully.

Organization Name: Organization

View All Practice Sites :

Submitted Sites :

Started Site Applications



It is recommended that a copy of the Site Application be downloaded and saved for future reference. This can be accomplished by selecting the Site from the Submitted Sites dropdown menu and clicking on View Application.

Organization Name: Organization

View All Practice Sites :

Submitted Sites :

Site Name:	Practice Site
Address:	625 Forster Street
City:	Harrisburg
State:	PA
Zipcode:	17120
Phone:	717-547-3552
Email:	jacondell@pa.gov
Site Director Name:	Jacquelyn Condell
HPSA Name:	Not Applicable
HPSA ID:	Not Applicable
Start Date:	1/1/1900
End Date:	1/1/1900

Started Site Applications

Generate Report provides a list of all Practice Sites for the Organization along with their status and approval dates. The Start Date is the date the application was approved, and the End Date is the date that the approval will expire.



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Practice Sites

Table with 6 columns: No, Organization Name, Site Name, Status, Start Date, End Date. Row 1: 1, Organization, Practice Site, Approved, 11-10-2021, 11-10-2023

Once "submitted", organizations will not be able to edit information in their applications. If an error in the application is detected, contact the LRP Administrator for advice on making corrections.

COMPLETING STARTED APPLICATIONS

Site Applications that are not finished in one session can be completed from the Organizational Home Page. This will be the page displayed when you first logon or you can return to this page by selecting Organization Information from the left-hand menu.

Navigation menu with items: Logoff, User Maintenance, Site Application, Organization Information (highlighted)

Organization Name: Organization
View All Practice Sites : Generate Report

Submitted Sites : - Select One -

Started Site Applications table with columns: Applications Action, Site ID, Site Name. Row: Complete, 834, Practice Site

Unfinished applications will be listed under the Started Site Applications section of the home page. Select the Site Application you wish to work on and hit the Complete button. This will bring you back into the unfinished application which can be completed by following the instructions above.

RENEW APPLICATION

Site Administrators can renew expired Site Applications from their organizational home page.

- Select the site for renewal from the drop-down menu under Submitted Sites.

Organization Name: Primary Care Health Services, Inc.
View All Practice Sites :

Submitted Sites :

- Click on the Renew Practice Site button.

Organization Name: Primary Care Health Services, Inc.
View All Practice Sites :

Submitted Sites :

Site Name:	East End Community Health Center
Address:	117 North Negley Avenue
City:	Pittsburgh
State:	PA
Zipcode:	15206
Phone:	4122444700
Email:	kgEist@pa.gov
Site Director Name:	E M Barnett
HPSA Name:	Primary Care Health Services
HPSA ID:	142999424L
Start Date:	02-05-2016
End Date:	08-05-2017

- Review the information on each tab, hitting the Next button to move through the tabs.

[Organization Details](#) | [Site Information](#) | [Providers](#) | [Patient Information](#) | [Requirements](#) | [Submit Application](#)

Name of Organization Primary Care Health Services, Inc.
Address 7227 Hamilton Avenue
 City Pittsburgh
 State PA
Zip Code 15208
Phone 4122444700
Fax 4122444992
Name of Executive Director David Hopkins
Title Executive Director
Phone 4122444700
Email kgeist@pa.gov
Fax 4122444992

- If changes to the application are required, hit the Edit button, make the changes, and hit the Update button.

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Type of Practice
 Public
 Private Non-Profit
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Check One Category

Public Health Department Certified Rural Health Clinic
 Hospital Affiliated Clinic FQHC
 Group Practice Free Clinic
 Solo Practice Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic
 State Correctional Institution Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinic
 FQHC Look Alike Dental Clinic
 Other(Specify)

- Continue through all tabs until you reach the Submit Application tab.
- Upload your site’s current sliding fee schedule and discount policy. Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics and Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinics will also have to upload a current behavioral health services checklist.
- Click that you agree to the signature statement and place your name in the Signature box.
- Hit the Submit Application button.

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Copy of Sliding/Discount Fee Schedule		<input type="text" value="Browse..."/>			
Policy Implementing Sliding/Discount Fee Schedule		<input type="text" value="Browse..."/>			
Behavioral Health Services Checklist		<input type="text" value="Browse..."/>			
Signature Agreement					
<p>By typing my name in the indicated fields, I hereby certify that all of the information submitted in this entry is true, accurate and complete. I understand that transactions and/or signatures in record may not be denied legal effect solely because they are conducted, executed, or prepared in electronic form, and that if a law requires a record or signature to be in writing, an electronic record or signature satisfies that requirement. I further understand that false statements made knowingly and willfully are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment under the provisions of 16 U.S.C. § 1857 and U.S.C. § 1001</p>					
<input type="checkbox"/> I have read and understand the statement above					
Signature:		<input type="text"/>			
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Site Roles and Responsibilities

The mission of the LRP is to increase access to primary care services in underserved areas. To that effect, LRP-approved sites must continually meet the eligibility requirements and qualification factors set forth above. In addition to these requirements, sites must assist LRP practitioners in meeting their service obligation.

LRP practitioners enter into a Grant Agreement with the DOH, thus it is important that their practice sites afford providers the opportunity to fulfill this Agreement. The DOH expects sites to do the following in support of their LRP practitioners:

- Ensure practitioners work only at LRP-approved practice sites. Each site must be approved prior to the beginning of a practitioner’s assignment at that site.
- Make certain practitioners follow the LRP minimum hourly and weekly service requirement, however, the employment contract between the site and the practitioner may stipulate additional work hours.
 - Full-Time Clinicians are expected to provide continuous, full-time practice at the LRP-approved practice site(s). Full-time practice is defined as not less than 36-

40 hours per week, 48 weeks per year. Furthermore, the 36-40-hour week must include not less than three days per week, with not more than 12 hours of work to be performed in any given 24-hour period. Of the 36-40 hours per week, a minimum of 32 hours must be spent providing direct patient care at the LRP-approved practice site. Up to eight hours per week may be spent providing patient care in alternative settings (for example, hospitals, nursing homes, shelters) as directed by the practice site or performing clinical-related administrative activities. Practitioners who provide obstetric services may spend up to 19 hours a week providing direct obstetric patient care at a hospital. Practitioners do not receive service credit for hours worked over the required 36-40 hours per week and excess hours cannot be applied to any other work week. Also, time spent while in an “on-call” status will not be counted toward the service commitment.

- Half-Time Clinicians are expected to provide continuous, half-time practice at the LRP-approved practice site(s). Half-time practice is defined as a minimum of 20 hours per week (not to exceed 35 hours per week), 48 weeks per year. Furthermore, the 20-hour week must include not less than two days per week, with not more than 12 hours of work to be performed in any given 24-hour period. Of the 20 hours per week, a minimum of 16 hours must be spent providing direct patient care at the LRP-approved practice site. Up to four hours per week may be spent providing patient care in alternative settings (for example, hospitals, nursing homes, shelters) as directed by the practice site or performing clinical-related administrative activities. Practitioners who provide obstetric services may spend up to nine hours a week providing direct obstetric patient care at a hospital. Practitioners do not receive service credit for hours worked over the required 20 hours per week and excess hours cannot be applied to any other work week. Also, time spent while in an “on-call” status will not be counted toward the service commitment.
- Verify practitioners’ continuous primary healthcare service by completing the practitioner’s Service Verification Form upon submittal of a Practitioner Application and prior to each annual payment.
- Submit all proposed changes to a practitioner’s practice site or work schedule, including terminations, resignations, and extended leaves of absence, to the DOH in writing for prior approval.

Failure to abide by these requirements may preclude a Practice Site from participation in the LRP.

Site Monitoring

All participating practitioners and practice sites are subject to monitoring efforts conducted by the DOH or its designee.

Definitions

Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinic – A facility licensed as an outpatient provider by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) that provides comprehensive primary behavioral health care services. The site must function as part of a system of care to ensure continuity of patient-centered, comprehensive, and coordinated care. The site must offer or ensure access to ancillary, inpatient, and specialty referrals.

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) – A clinic certified by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services under the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 to improve community behavioral health services.

Certified Rural Health Clinic (RHC) – A facility certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under section 1861(aa)(2) of the Social Security Act that receives special Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement. RHCs are located in a non-urbanized area with an insufficient number of healthcare practitioners and provide routine diagnostic and clinical laboratory services.

Clinical-Related Administrative Activities – May include charting, care coordination, training, laboratory follow-up; patient correspondence, attending staff meetings, activities related to maintain professional licensure, and other non-treatment related activities pertaining to the participant's LRP-approved practice site. Any time spent in a management role (e.g., medical director) is also considered an administrative activity.

Comprehensive Primary Behavioral Health Services – Include but are not limited to: screening and assessment; diagnosis; treatment plans; care coordination; therapeutic services (including psychiatric medication prescribing and management, chronic disease management, and substance use disorder treatment); crisis/emergency services (including 24-hour crisis call access); consultative services; and case management.

Comprehensive Primary Care (CPC) - The delivery of preventive, acute and chronic primary health services in an LRP-approved specialty. LRP-approved primary care specialties are family practice, general internal medicine, general pediatrics, geriatrics, and obstetrics/gynecology. CPC is a continuum of care not focused or limited to gender, age, organ system, a particular illness, or categorical population. CPC should provide care for the whole person on an ongoing basis.

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) – Nonprofit entities that receive a grant (or funding from a grant) under section 330 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act.

Formal Affiliation Agreement – Written agreement that sets forth the terms and conditions under which two organizations agree to furnish integrated services to better meet patient and client needs. All affiliated entities for primary behavioral health care should accept applicable public insurance and offer discounts to those with low incomes and agree to see all patients regardless of their ability to pay.

FQHC Look-Alikes – Nonprofit entities that are certified by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as meeting the requirements for receiving a grant under section 330 of the PHS Act but are not grantees.

Free Clinic – A medical facility offering community health care on a free or very low-cost basis. Care is generally provided in these clinics to persons who have lower or limited income and no health insurance, including persons who are not eligible for Medicaid or Medicare. Free clinics should provide care for acute, non-emergent conditions as well as a full range of primary care services and care for chronic conditions.

Full-Time Clinical Practice – Is defined as not less than 36-40 hours per week, 48 weeks per year. Furthermore, the 36-40-hour week must include not less than three days per week, with not more than 12 hours of work to be performed in any given 24-hour period. Of the 36-40 hours per week, a minimum of 32 hours must be spent providing direct patient care. Up to eight hours per week may be spent providing patient care in alternative settings (e.g., hospital, nursing homes, shelters) as directed by the practice site or performing clinical-related administrative activities. Practitioners who provide obstetric services may spend up to 19 hours a week providing direct obstetric patient care at a hospital. Practitioners do not receive service credit for hours worked over the required 36-40 hours per week and excess hours cannot be applied to any other work week. Also, time spent while in an “on-call” status will not be counted toward the service commitment.

Group or Solo Private Practice – A clinical practice that is made up of one or more providers who have ownership or an invested interest in the practice.

Half-Time Clinical Practice - Is defined as a minimum of 20 hours per week (not to exceed 35 hours per week), 48 weeks per year. Furthermore, the 20-hour week must include not less than two days per week, with not more than 12 hours of work to be performed in any given 24-hour period. Of the 20 hours per week, a minimum of 16 hours must be spent providing direct patient care. Up to four hours per week may be spent providing patient care in alternative settings (e.g., hospitals, nursing homes, shelters) as directed by the practice site or performing clinical-related administrative activities. Practitioners who provide obstetric services may spend up to nine hours a week providing direct obstetric patient care at a hospital. Practitioners do not receive service credit for hours worked over the required 20 hours per week and excess hours cannot be applied to any other work week. Also, time spent while in an “on-call” status will not be counted toward the service commitment.

Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) – A geographic area, population group, public or nonprofit private medical facility or other public facility determined by HHS to have a shortage of primary healthcare professionals.

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) – An operating agency of HHS.

Mobile Units – Medical vehicles that travel to underserved rural and urban communities. Clinicians working within a mobile unit that functions as part of an LRP-approved site will receive service credit for direct patient care.

Public Health Department – Health clinic operated by a state, county or local health department that provides comprehensive primary care services.

Sliding Fee Scale or Discounted Fee Schedule – A set of discounts that is applied to your practice’s schedule of charges for services, based upon a written policy that is non-discriminatory.

State Correctional Institute (SCI) – A state prison administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections.