**Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Loan Repayment Program**

**Program Description**
The Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Loan Repayment Program (STAR LRP) provides loan repayment for individuals working in either a full-time substance use disorder (SUD) treatment job that involves direct patient care in a:
- County/municipality where the average drug overdose death rate exceeds the most current national average overdose death rate per 100,000 people, as reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), or
- Mental Health Professional Shortage Area (MHPSA).

**Eligible Disciplines and Specialties**
Providers working at STAR LRP-approved SUD treatment facilities:
- Certified Nursing Assistants
- Certified Medical Assistants
- Licensed Occupational Therapists
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Licensed Professional Counselors
- Marriage and Family Therapists
- Master's-level Social Workers
- Psychologists
- Counselors
- Marriage and Family Therapists
- Psychiatric Mental Health Practitioners
- Occupational Therapists
- Psychology Doctoral Interns
- Behavioral health paraprofessionals, including but not limited to:
  - Community Health Workers,
  - Peer Recovery Specialists,
  - Case Managers and
  - Health Navigators.
- Physicians
- Physician Assistants
- Nurse Practitioners
- Registered Nurses
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists
- Certified Nurse Midwives
- Clinical Nurse Specialists
- Licensed Practical Nurses
- Psychiatric Nurse Specialists
- Pharmacists
- Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Counselors

**Service Commitment**
6-year full-time service commitment

**Financial Benefits**
Up to $250,000 for eligible educational loans
## Application Requirements and Funding Priority Information

Applicants must be U.S. citizens (born or naturalized), U.S. nationals, or lawful permanent residents. **Applicants receive award preference if they are clinicians/health workers:**
- Working at STAR LRP-approved facilities located in a County/municipality where the average drug overdose death rate exceeds the most current national average; or
- Working at approved STAR LRP-approved facilities located in a Mental Health Professional Shortage Area (MHPSA).

## Selection Factors

After funding priority, we will select applicants according to the duration of tenure at STAR LRP-approved facility.

## Tax Liability

Taxable

## Where Clinicians Serve

**Eligible STAR LRP facilities* can include but are not limited to:**
- SAMHSA-certified outpatient treatment programs (OTPs)
- Office-based opioid treatment facilities (OBOTs)
- Non-opioid substance use disorder treatment facilities (SUD treatment facilities)
- Federally Qualified Health Care Centers (FQHCs)
- Rural Health Clinics (RHCs)
- American Indian Health facilities and Indian Health Service (IHS) hospitals
- FQHC Look-Alikes
- State or federal correctional facilities
- Critical Access Hospitals
- Community health centers
- State or local health departments
- Community outpatient facilities
- Private practices
- School-based clinics
- Mobile units and free clinics Inpatient psychiatric facilities
- Inpatient/Outpatient Rehabilitation
- Health system-affiliated inpatient treatment center
- Youth detention center or program
- Crisis stabilization units
- Migrant Health Center
- Faith-based settings
- Recovery Center
- Detox Facilities
- Prevention Coalition/Agency
- Local Community Jails and Detention Centers

*Get more details on [eligible facility types and becoming a STAR LRP-approved facility](#).

## Websites

Learn more about the [STAR LRP](#).