

This is an amendment to 5.7.2 NMAC, Sections 6 and 7 effective 12/11/2018. Non-substantive grammar corrections to ‘and/or’ and ‘he/she’ were made throughout the part to conform to correct legislative styles.

5.7.2.6 OBJECTIVE [AND PURPOSE]: The objective and purpose of the New Mexico Health Professions Student Loan-for-Service Acts are to increase the number of health professionals in areas of the state which have experienced shortages of health practitioners, by making educational loans to students seeking certification/licensure in an eligible health profession. The acts require, as a condition of each loan, that the student declare their intent to practice as a health professional within one of the areas of the state designated by the health profession advisory committee, of the New Mexico higher education department, as a health professional shortage area.

[7/15/1998, 5.7.2.6 NMAC - Rn, 5 NMAC 7.2.6, 6/29/2001; A, 5/30/2008; A, 12/11/2018]

5.7.2.7 DEFINITIONS:

- A. “Department”** means the New Mexico higher education department.
- B. “Committee”** means the health professions advisory committee of the department.
- C. “Designated shortage area”** means an area in New Mexico determined by the committee as not being adequately served by eligible health professionals.
- D. “Eligible health profession”** means:
 - (1) for the Allied Health Student Loan-for-Service Act, dental hygienist, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, audiology, pharmacy, nutrition, respiratory care, laboratory technology, radiologic technology, mental health services, emergency medical services, or a licensed or certified health profession as defined by the department;
 - (2) for the Medical Student Loan-for-Service Act: physicians and physician assistants, including osteopathic physicians and osteopathic physician assistants.
 - (3) for the Nursing Student Loan-for-Service Act: nurses; and,
 - (4) for the Osteopathic Medical Student Loan-for-Service Act: osteopathic ~~[medical doctors]~~ physicians and osteopathic physician assistants.
- E. “Eligible institution”** means:
 - (1) for the Allied Health Student Loan-for-Service Act: an accredited public postsecondary educational institution which provides an eligible allied health program; preference in awarding Allied Health Student Loan-for-Service Act funds shall be to students accepted for enrollment at a New Mexico public postsecondary educational institution;
 - (2) for the Medical Student Loan-for-Service Act: an accredited ~~[public]~~ school of medicine in the United States; preference in awarding Medical Student Loan-for-Service Act funds shall be to students accepted for enrollment at ~~[the UNM school of medicine]~~ an accredited New Mexico medical school;
 - (3) for the Nursing Student Loan-for-Service Act: an accredited New Mexico public post-secondary educational institution which provides a program of nursing; and,
 - (4) for the Osteopathic Medical Student Loan-for-Service Act: an accredited ~~[public]~~ program of osteopathic education in the United States.
- F. “Extenuating circumstances”** means circumstances not within the control of the recipient.
- G. “Loan”** means a grant of funds to defray the costs incidental to an eligible health profession education, under a contract between the department and a student, requiring repayment with services or repayment of principal and interest and any fees.
- H. “Student”** means a student who is a resident of New Mexico and is enrolled at least half-time in, or has been accepted by an accredited program for one of the eligible health professions, and will be enrolled at least half-time.
- I. “Service”** means full-time, on-site practice in an eligible health profession; unless otherwise provided for by the committee;

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