

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED or Department) will hold a public video/telephonic rulemaking hearing on April 17, 2023. The hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will be held via Microsoft Teams. The purpose of the hearing is to take public comment regarding proposed amendments to **5.7.3 NMAC, NEW MEXICO HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM (HPLRP)**.

Join via Microsoft Teams:

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**Purpose:**

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to change the number of hours per week which qualify as full-time employment for a program participant. This change will expand eligibility to hospitalists and providers who are employed full-time at 36 hours per week. In addition, the proposed amendment expands the definition of “eligible participant” to include registered nurses.

**Summary of proposed rule:**

The amendment to 5.7.3.7 expands the definition of “eligible participant” to include registered nurses. The amendment to Section 5.7.3.9 NMAC changes the number of hours required for full-time employment from 40 hours per week to 36 hours per week.

**Details for Obtaining a Copy, Public Hearing and Comments:** The proposed rule is also posted on the NMHED website and may be accessed at <http://www.hed.nm.gov> under the “Events” section. To request that a copy of the proposed rule be sent to you by mail or e-mail, please contact [HigherEd.Info@hed.nm.gov](mailto:HigherEd.Info@hed.nm.gov) or (505)476-8411.

A public hearing will be held on April 17, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams. Any person who is or may be affected by this proposed rule may participate. **Interested persons may submit written comments to NMHED at 2044 Galisteo Street, Suite 4, Santa Fe, NM 87505 or [HigherEd.Info@hed.nm.gov](mailto:HigherEd.Info@hed.nm.gov).** **Written comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 15, 2023.** Please note that any written or verbal comments received will become part of the rulemaking record, be posted to the New Mexico Sunshine Portal, and be accessible to the public. If submitting written comments by email, please indicate in the subject line the number and section of each rule(s) for which you are providing comments. Oral comments will also be accepted at the rule hearing, subject to time limitations.

Legal authority for this rulemaking can be found in Sections 21-1-26 and 21-22D NMSA 1978.

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