

IC 21-13-6

Chapter 6. Primary Care Physician Loan Forgiveness Program

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"Primary care physician"

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "primary care physician" means a physician who practices in any of the following areas:

- (1) Family practice.
- (2) Pediatrics.
- (3) Obstetrics and gynecology.
- (4) Internal medicine.

As added by P.L.170-2009, SEC.4.

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Primary care physician loan forgiveness program

Sec. 2. (a) The primary care physician loan forgiveness program is established.

(b) The commission shall administer the primary care physician loan forgiveness program.

As added by P.L.170-2009, SEC.4.

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Primary care physician loan forgiveness fund

Sec. 3. (a) The primary care physician loan forgiveness fund is established to encourage and promote qualified physicians to pursue a medical career in Indiana.

(b) The fund consists of the following:

- (1) Appropriations by the general assembly.
- (2) Gifts to the fund.

As added by P.L.170-2009, SEC.4.

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Administration of fund

Sec. 4. (a) The commission shall administer the fund.

(b) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public funds. Interest that accrues from those investments shall be deposited in the fund.

(d) Money in the fund at the end of a fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund but remains available to be used to provide money for student loan forgiveness payments under this chapter.

As added by P.L.170-2009, SEC.4.

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Student loan forgiveness payments

Sec. 5. (a) The money in the fund must be used to provide annual student loan forgiveness payments to qualified primary care physicians who are residents of Indiana and practice medicine in

Indiana.

(b) Subject to section 8 of this chapter, a student loan forgiveness payment awarded in a particular year under this section is equal to the lesser of the following amounts:

- (1) The balance of the physician's total amount of student loans.
- (2) Five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

(c) A primary care physician is eligible for a student loan forgiveness payment under this section each year that the individual meets the qualifications under section 6 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.170-2009, SEC.4.

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Requirements for student loan forgiveness program

Sec. 6. To qualify for a student loan forgiveness payment from the fund, an individual must:

- (1) be a resident of Indiana;
- (2) be licensed as a physician under IC 25-22.5;
- (3) practice as a primary care physician;
- (4) conduct the majority of the individual's medical practice in Indiana;
- (5) have an outstanding student loan balance at the beginning of the calendar year; and
- (6) be approved by the commission.

As added by P.L.170-2009, SEC.4.

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Medical education board reports

Sec. 7. The medical education board shall annually make available to the commission the most recent information concerning the number of primary care physicians who are serving as medical residents in Indiana.

As added by P.L.170-2009, SEC.4.

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Allocation of funds

Sec. 8. The commission shall annually allocate the available money in the fund to each primary care physician approved under this chapter in proportion to the total number of primary care physicians approved under this chapter.

As added by P.L.170-2009, SEC.4.

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Applicant information requirements

Sec. 9. Each:

- (1) primary care physician who applies under this chapter; and
- (2) primary care physician approved under this chapter;

shall provide to the commission any information that the commission determines is necessary to administer this chapter.

As added by P.L.170-2009, SEC.4.