

Primary Care Service Corp Cycle 8 Q&A

1. I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker currently employed at an NHSC-approved site. I previously received loan repayment through the federal National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program while working at this same site, and I have completed my NHSC service obligation. Am I eligible to apply for PCSC Round 8 for my remaining qualifying educational loan debt, given that my prior NHSC service obligation has been completed?

Previous NHSC Loan Repayment Program awardees can apply for PCSC if their NHSC obligation has been completed. Applicants cannot participate in both programs simultaneously.

2. Will this solicitation of interest have the requirements under the New York State Finance Law § 139-m, which requires bidders on state contracts to certify they have a written policy addressing gender-based violence?

New York State Finance Law § 139-m applies to competitive bidding. This is a Solicitation of Interest to distribute loan repayment awards to eligible health care professionals who agree to practice in underserved areas is not subject to the competitive bid or request for proposal process.

3. Am I eligible to receive an award if I receive funds from Primary Service Corps- round 6?

Per Section II. Minimum Qualifications, Subsection 10 of the Solicitation of Interest: The applicant must not have previously received, or currently be receiving, an award from the Primary Care Service Corps. Primary Care Service Corps past participants are encouraged to apply for the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program.

4. In the past, I've been able to renew/extend my contract, however it looks like with round 8 this is not allowed? In the spring I reached out to Jon Wettergreen and was informed that I could expect to have the opportunity to extend/renew again. Is this no longer the case? Wanting to verify if anything has changed so that I don't miss this opportunity.

Currently, there are no plans to extend or renew contracts.

5. I am a Nurse Practitioner working in Primary Care. I accepted the job offer on June 3, 2026 but my first day of work was August, 24, 2026. Would I still qualify for the loan repayment program?

The applicant must have a start date of July 1, 2026 or earlier to qualify for the loan repayment program.

6. I am trying to figure out if I'm eligible to apply for this. I am a LCSW. Would applying for this impact my federal income repayment plan or my public service loan forgiveness. I am currently on a repayment plan for my federal loans, but I have private loans in collections that I really need help paying in addition to the federal ones.

Per Section II Minimal Qualifications Subsection 8: The clinician must not be fulfilling an obligation under any state or federal loan repayment program – including the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program -- which overlaps or coincides with the three-year PCSC service obligation.

7. I work at a National Health Service Corps (NHSC) site which is listed on the Workforce Connector website. However, the NHSC HPSAs have not been updated and are showing “NA” on the Workforce Connector website and this is inaccurate. When looking up the site using the “Find Shortage Areas by Address” tool located here: <https://data.hrsa.gov/topics/health-workforce/shortage-areas/by-address>, the site is clearly a HPSA over 1 for primary care, mental health and dental health. We have attempted to reach out to HRSA's Bureau of Health Workforce to address the inaccuracy. In the event that HRSA is not able to make the appropriate update by the PCSC Round 8 application deadline, can we utilize the “Find Shortage Areas by Address” tool in conjunction with the Workforce Connector website to demonstrate that the site is both a NHSC site and meets the HPSA designation requirements? Or, could DOH please offer another tool to be used to meet this requirement?

Yes, the HRSA “Find a Shortage Area” tool is the most up to date designations recognized by the Department of Health. Please provide a copy of the HPSA page when applying.

8. I signed a confirmation of interest for the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program. Can I apply for this program?

Per Section II. Minimum Qualifications, Subsection 10:

- i. The applicant must not have previously received, or currently be receiving, an award from the Primary Care Service Corps.
 - ii. The applicant is able to rescind their application for NHSC to apply for Primary Care Service Corp but can not participate in both at the same time
9. I am in the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program, however, I have not made any payments since the pandemic due to my loan being automatically placed in forbearance by the loan servicer. I have not selected a new “repayment plan” as of yet and therefore my loan remains in forbearance.

I can see one of the requirements for PCSC is:

“The clinician must not be fulfilling an obligation under any state or federal loan repayment program – including the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program -- which overlaps or coincides with the three-year PCSC service obligation.”

Am I eligible for PCSC given the fact that I am in forbearance with PSLF?

Applicants fulfilling an obligation under any state or federal loan repayment program – including PSLF – which overlaps or coincides with the PCSC service obligation are not eligible for PCSC Loan Repayment.