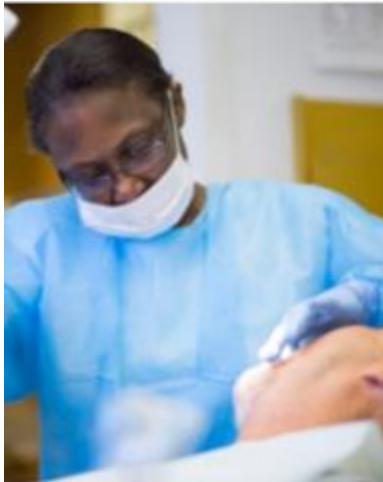
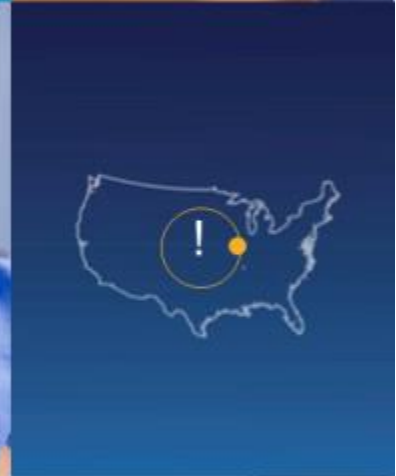


NATIONAL HEALTH
SERVICE
CORPS 

NHSC 101



THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS

THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS (NHSC) builds healthy communities by supporting qualified health care providers dedicated to working in areas of the United States with limited access to care.

The NHSC is part of HRSA's Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW).

BHW improves the health of underserved populations by strengthening the health workforce and connecting skilled professionals to communities in need.



27% of **BHW** funding supports the **NHSC** and other programs that improve the distribution of health professionals to underserved areas.

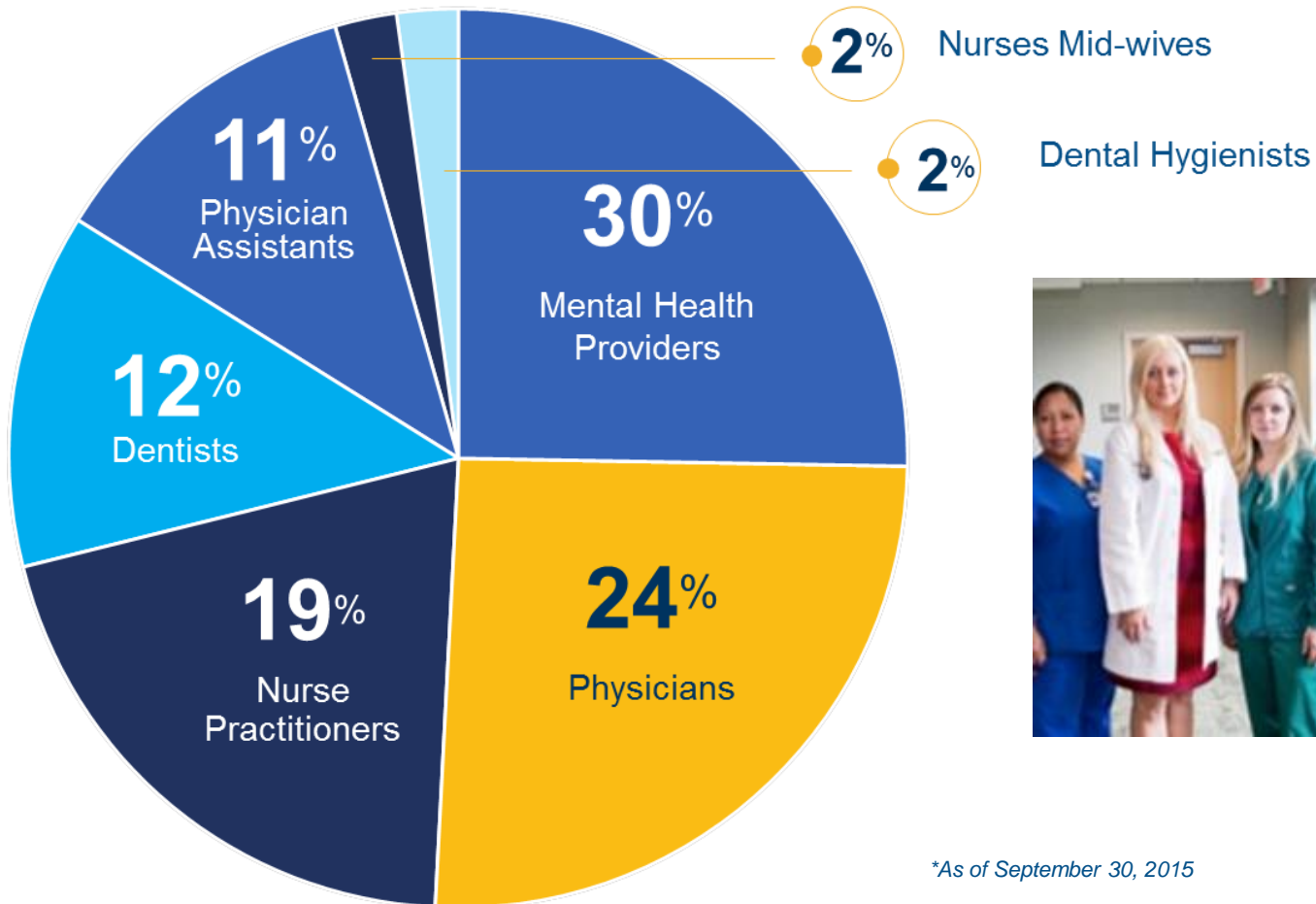
NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS: THEN



1970 ^s	1980 ^s	1990 ^s	2000 ^s	2010 ^s
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NHSC created first scholarships Grew from 181 providers to over 1,800 Budget 10 times larger by end of decade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loan Repayment Program launched Predicted physician surplus: budget reduced Field strength at 1,500 by 1989 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early 1990s: Only 1,000 providers serve Mental health disciplines added to LRP Over 2,500 providers in service by end of decade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovery Act and Health Care Reform: increased funding Unprecedented growth in field strength 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovery Act and Health Care Reform: increased funding More than 9,600 providers in service*

**As of September 30, 2015*

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS: NOW*



**As of September 30, 2015*

IMPACT OF THE NHSC

**MORE THAN
9,600**

NHSC
members
are currently
providing
care to more
than...

10 MILLION

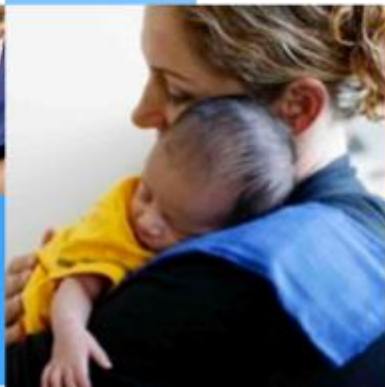
PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES

87% of NHSC members continue to serve in areas of greatest need after completing their service obligation.





LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM



UP TO \$50,000 FOR 2 YEARS SERVICE

Offers fully trained primary care clinicians loan repayment in exchange for service in an area of greatest need, called a Health Profession Shortage Area (HPSA).



Applicants working at NHSC-approved sites with higher HPSA scores are given priority.

PROVIDERS RECEIVE LOAN REPAYMENT IN ADDITION TO A COMPETITIVE SALARY FROM THEIR EMPLOYERS



Watch the NHSC Site Video on the "HRSATube" YouTube channel.



Find positions at NHSC-approved sites using the [NHSC Jobs Center: http://nhscjobs.hrsa.gov](http://nhscjobs.hrsa.gov)

LOAN REPAYMENT AWARD

The **NHSC Loan Repayment Program** offers priority funding to applicants who work at NHSC-approved sites in high-need areas, as defined by a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) score.

INITIAL AWARD AMOUNTS

UP TO
\$50,000
FOR 2 YEARS
Full-time



UP TO
\$25,000
FOR 2 YEARS
Half-time

In FY15, awards were given to applicants working at sites with HPSA scores of 14 and above.



ELIGIBILITY



U.S. citizen or national

Currently work, or applying to work, at an NHSC-approved site

Have unpaid government or commercial loans for school tuition, reasonable educational expenses, and reasonable living expenses, segregated from all other debts

Licensed to practice in state where employer site is located

Must be licensed in one of the following eligible disciplines:

- Physician (MD or DO)
- Nurse practitioner (primary care)
- Certified nurse-midwife
- Physician assistant
- Dentist (general or pediatric)
- Dental hygienist
- Psychiatrist
- Psychologist (health service)
- Licensed clinical social worker
- Psychiatric nurse specialist
- Marriage and family therapist
- Licensed professional counselor



- Lucia Lopez, Physician Assistant, Winston Salem, NC



“I’m working, I’m getting my salary, I’m getting loan repayment, and I’m doing what I love.”



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



**STUDENTS PURSUING CAREERS
IN PRIMARY CARE CAN RECEIVE**

A SCHOLARSHIP NOW AND SERVE LATER



THE SCHOLARSHIP* INCLUDES:



Payment of tuition and
required fees (tax-free)



Some other tax-free
educational costs (books,
etc.)



A monthly living stipend
(taxable)

**Available for up to 4 years*

**YEARS OF
SUPPORT
=
YEARS OF
SERVICE**

Scholars commit to serve at an NHSC-approved site in a high-need area upon completion of their training: at least two years of service.



NHSC SITES



Service begins upon graduation (and completion of any required primary care residency). **The NHSC helps Scholars find a practice site** that's right for them. When in service, Scholars earn a competitive salary paid by their site.

ELIGIBILITY



U.S. citizen or national



Full-time student at an accredited school, pursuing a degree in:

- Medicine (DO or MD)
- Dentistry (DMD or DDS)
- Nurse practitioner
- Certified nurse-midwife
- Physician assistant (primary care)





- Jasser Khairallah,
Osteopathic Student
Kirksville, MO



“To have someone say we believe that you can be a doctor, and support your endeavors in becoming a physician is just unfathomable.”



**STUDENTS TO SERVICE
LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM – NOW
ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS THROUGH
OCTOBER 20TH AT 7:30 PM.**



STUDENTS TO SERVICE AWARD

UP TO
\$120,000
FOR 3 YEARS
Full-time Service



UP TO
\$120,000
FOR 6 YEARS
Part-time Service

The NHSC offers **up to \$120,000** in tax-free loan repayment for 3 years of full-time service or 6 years of half-time service. Loan repayment begins during residency.

With continued service, eligible providers may be able to pay off all their student loans.

ELIGIBILITY



U.S. citizen or national

Full-time student in the final year at an accredited school, pursuing a degree in Medicine (MD or DO) or Dentistry (DDS or DMD).

Planning to complete an accredited primary medical care residency in an NHSC-approved specialty (Internal Medicine, Family Practice, Pediatrics, OB/GYN, Psychiatry and Geriatrics)

Have unpaid government or commercial loans for school tuition, reasonable educational expenses, and reasonable living expenses, segregated from all other debts

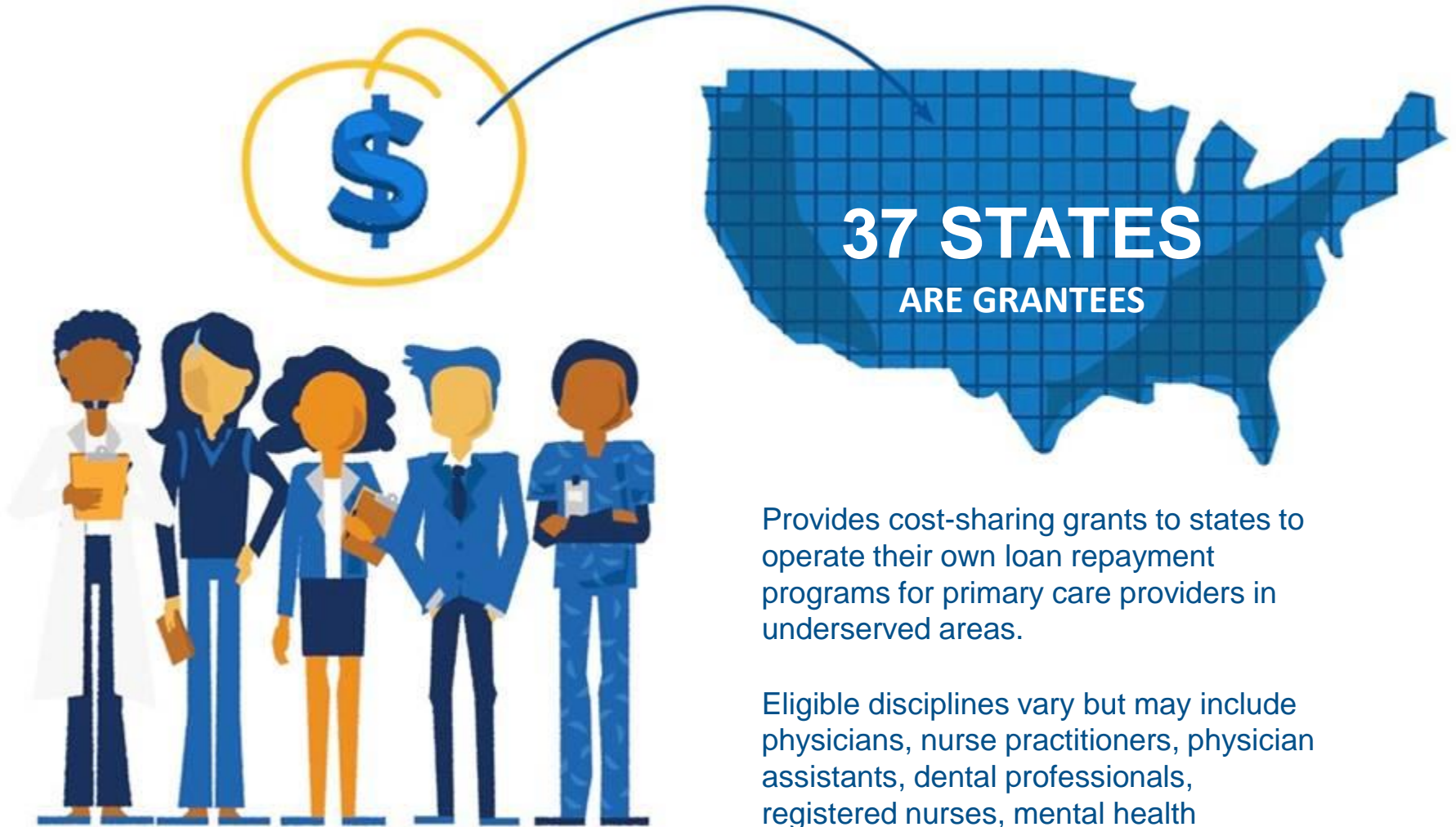


- Dr. Brian Freeman,
Fairfax, VA



“I want to be a health coach who guides my patients through any challenges that they may have.”

STATE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM



37 STATES
ARE GRANTEES

Provides cost-sharing grants to states to operate their own loan repayment programs for primary care providers in underserved areas.

Eligible disciplines vary but may include physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, dental professionals, registered nurses, mental health professionals, and pharmacists.



SUPPORT & RESOURCES



SUPPORT FOR PROVIDERS



SUPPORT FOR YOU IN YOUR REGION

Dedicated BHW staff located in 10 regional offices provide dedicated contacts for your area.



SUPPORT FOR YOU AT YOUR SITE

NHSC Ambassadors help educate and inform current and prospective members.

RESOURCES FOR PROVIDERS



NHSC JOBS CENTER

<http://www.nhscjobs.hrsa.gov>

- View job vacancies at thousands of NHSC-approved sites nationwide.
- Google Maps technology allows users to view the surrounding community (e.g., schools, restaurants, parks, places of worship, shops)
- Narrow your job search by:
 - Field of Practice
 - Specialty
 - HPSA Score
 - Site Name
 - Zip Code
 - Sites with Open Positions

FUTURE NHSC EFFORTS

BETWEEN
FY 2017
AND
FY 2020

NHSC will receive \$2.8 billion in investments to address health professional shortages in underserved areas across the country.



FY 2017
\$380 MILLION

In FY 2017, NHSC will receive \$380 million in funding to expand access to mental health care and training to address drug abuse.



Karen Guarin

Public Health Analyst

Health Resources and Services Administration

Bureau of Health Workforce

Division of Regional Operations

Region 1- Boston

JFK Federal Building, Rm 1826

kguarin@hrsa.gov

617-565-1456