

work begins at the school as a faculty member or the date the Director, DDA, signs the FLRP contract, whichever is later. Service should begin no later than September 30, 1995.

Breach of Contract

The following areas under Breach of Contract are addressed in the appended contract:

1. If the participant fails to serve his or her period of obligated faculty service (minimum of 2 years) as contracted with the school, he/she is then in breach of contract, and neither the Secretary nor the school is obligated to continue loan repayments as stated in the contract. The participant must then reimburse the Secretary and the participating school for all sums of principal and interest paid on his/her behalf as stated in the contract in addition to any income tax assistance he/she may have received.

2. Regardless of the length of the agreed period of obligated service (2, 3, or more years), a participant who serves less than the time period specified in his/her contract is liable for monetary damages to the United States amounting to the sum of the total of the amounts the Program paid him/her, plus an "unserved obligation penalty" of \$1,000 for each month unserved.

3. Any amount which the United States is entitled to recover because of a breach of the FLRP contract must be paid within 1 year from the day the Secretary determines that the participant is in breach of contract. If payment is not received by the payment date, additional interest, penalties and administrative charges will be assessed in accordance with Federal Law (45 CFR 30.13).

Review Criteria

The HRSA will review fiscal year 1995 applications taking into consideration the following criteria:

1. The extent to which the applicant meets the requirements of section 738 of the Act;

2. The completeness, accuracy, and validity of the applicant's responses to application requirements;

3. The submission of the signed contract with the school;

4. An applicant's earliest available date to begin service as a faculty member provided funding is available for that year; and

5. An applicant's availability to enter into a service contract for a longer period than the mandatory 2-year minimum.

Factors to assure equitable distribution (e.g. geographic, discipline) will be considered in determining the funding of completed applications.

National Health Objectives for the Year 2000

The Public Health Service (PHS) is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of Healthy People 2000, a PHS-led national activity for setting priority areas. The Disadvantaged Health Professions Faculty Loan Repayment Program is related to the priority area of Educational and Community-Based Programs. Potential applicants may obtain a copy of *Healthy People 2000* (Full Report; Stock No. 017-001-00474-0) or *Healthy People 2000* (Summary Report; Stock No. 017-001-00473-1) through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402-9325 (Telephone (202) 783-3238).

Education and Service Linkage

As part of its long-range planning, HRSA will be targeting its efforts to strengthening linkages between U.S. Public Health Service education programs and programs which provide comprehensive primary care services to the underserved.

Smoke-Free Workplace

The Public Health Service strongly encourages all grant recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the nonuse of all tobacco products, and Public Law 103-227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain education, library, day care, health care, and early childhood development services are provided to children.

Application Requests

Requests for application materials and questions regarding program information and business should be directed to: Lafayette Gilchrist, Division of Disadvantaged Assistance, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 8A-09, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone: (301) 443-3680 FAX: (301) 443-5242.

Completed applications should be returned to the address listed above. The application deadline date is June 30, 1995. Applications shall be considered to be "on time" if they are either:

(1) Received on or before the established deadline date, or

(2) Sent on or before the established deadline date and received in time for orderly processing. (Applicants should request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or U.S. Postal Service. Private metered

postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing.)

Late applications not accepted for processing will be returned to the applicant.

The application form and instructions for this program have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The OMB clearance number is 0915-0150.

The Disadvantaged Health Professions Faculty Loan Repayment Program is listed at 93.923 in the *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance*. It is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs (as implemented through 45 CFR part 100).

This program is not subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements.

Dated: February 23, 1995.

Ciro V. Sumaya,
Administrator.

Contract for the Disadvantaged Health Professions Faculty Loan Repayment Program With U.S. Department of Health and Human Services—Public Health Service; Health Resources and Services Administration; Bureau of Health Professions

Section 738 of the Public Health Service Act ("Act") [42 United States Code 293 et seq.], as added by Pub. L. 102-408, authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services ("Secretary") to repay the educational loans of applicants from disadvantaged backgrounds selected to be participants in the Loan Repayment Program Regarding Service on Faculties of Certain Health Professions Schools ("Faculty Loan Repayment Program"). In return for these loan repayments, applicants must agree to provide teaching faculty services at an approved accredited health professions school determined by the Secretary for a designated period of obligated service pursuant to section 738 of the Act.

Section 738(a)(5)&(7) of the Act require applicants to submit with their applications a signed contract with an accredited health professions school and a signed contract which states the terms and conditions of participation in the Faculty Loan Repayment Program. The Secretary shall sign only those contracts submitted by applicants who are selected for participation.

The terms and conditions of participating in the Faculty Loan Repayment Program are set forth below:

Section A—Obligations of the Secretary

Subject to the availability of funds appropriated by the Congress of the United States for the Faculty Loan Repayment Program, the Secretary agrees to:

1. Pay, in the amount provided in paragraph 2 of this section, the undersigned applicant's qualifying educational loans. Qualifying educational loans consist of the principal and interest on educational loans