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RECOMMENDATION FOR LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

The Special Select Commission on Access to Health Care recommends the creation of a loan repayment program for health professionals in Maine. Repayment of the loan would be based on an agreement with the health professional that he or she would provide service in an underserved area for a minimum of two years. Incentives for longer service would be established.

Underserved is defined as either a geographical area, according to criteria, to be determined, or by specific health profession.

Loan repayments may be made, up to \$20,000(?) per year, based on the professional's ability to pay and the cost of the education.

Health professionals who may participate include, but are not limited to:

Physicians (primary care a priority)

Dentists

Nurses

Physicians Assistants

Physical Therapists