



**Funding Opportunity:  
HHS Secretary Announces \$200 Million for the National Health Service Corp  
Using Recovery Act Funds  
June 5, 2009**

On June 5, 2009, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Kathleen Sebelius, announced the availability of nearly \$200 million from the funds appropriated to HHS by the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act*, or stimulus bill, for the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) loan repayment program. These funds are expected to double the number of Corps clinicians (which includes licensed clinical social workers) and make awards to over 3,000 clinicians that serve in health centers, rural health clinics and other facilities that provide care for the uninsured and underserved.

- Eligible applicants include primary care medical, dental and mental health clinicians, **including licensed clinical social workers**, who agree to work at National Health Service Corps sites for 2 years.
- Fully trained health professionals dedicated to working with the underserved and who have qualifying educational loans are encouraged to apply.
- Awarded clinicians receive up to \$50,000 for loan repayment and a competitive salary.
- **Awards are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested and eligible applicants are encouraged to apply as quickly as possible by visiting <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/>.**

More information, including eligibility requirements, can be viewed at <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/index.htm>.

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