



The Georgia Board for Physician Workforce administers a state program to assist dentists with the repayment of loans they obtained while attending dental school. The Dentists for Rural Areas Assistance Program provides service-cancellable loans of up to \$25,000 per year in return for full-time dental practice in an underserved, rural county in Georgia (a population of 35,000 or less based on the most recent U.S. Census). Contracts are awarded for one year and are renewable three times for a maximum of four years. Funding for this program is provided by the State of Georgia. Please see the chart below for information about the program.

<b>Dentists for Rural Areas Assistance Program</b>	
<b>Who can apply?</b>	Applicants must be a legal resident the U.S., have graduated from an accredited graduate dental education program or provisional accreditation by the American Dental Association’s Commission on Dental Accreditation, have an unrestricted dental license by the Georgia Board of Dentistry, hold or be in the process of receiving a Medicaid Provider Number in Georgia and actively treat Medicaid patients
<b>When should I apply?</b>	The application period runs from Sept. 1 through Oct. 31 on the GBPW website
<b>What is the amount of the award?</b>	The award amount is \$25,000 per year and is renewable for up to three additional years (maximum of \$100,000/four years). The program assists in paying debt incurred for tuition, fees and other expenses associated with the completion of a dental degree.
<b>What is the renewal process?</b>	Applicants must reapply each year, and if there are no substantial changes over the previous year, the application will be automatically renewed. However, substantial changes will require the application to be ranked as a new application.
<b>What is the service repayment?</b>	One year of working full-time in a Georgia county of 50,000 or less people for each year of funding received
<b>What are the penalties for not completing the obligation?</b>	Double the principal amount received

**Please note:** This chart is for information only and does not outline the full stipulations of the program. For the most recent and detailed information, please visit <http://gbpw.georgia.gov/loan-repayment-programs>.

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## *Loan Repayment Programs Eligible Counties Map*

