

# South Carolina Rural Dentist Loan Repayment Program

## About the Program

To address the maldistribution of dental providers in South Carolina, the Rural Dentist Loan Repayment Program provides educational loan repayment for qualified providers who contract to practice in rural and underserved areas or serve as faculty at the MUSC College of Dental Medicine.

### Dentists

- Establishing a practice in underserved and rural communities
- Establishing viable academic careers at the MUSC College of Dental Medicine

## Eligibility

- Loans must be from a recognized financial institution
- Applicants must have no active, outstanding service obligations to the federal or state government or any other entity (e.g., NHSC, scholarship program)
- Applicants are expected to be (or become) a Medicaid provider and treat at least 100 unduplicated Medicaid patients a year
- Must be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident
- Must practice in an area of need\* or contract to serve on the faculty at the MUSC College of Dental Medicine

\*see map on page 2

## Medicaid Provider Status

Applications from providers currently in practice must include an **individual** Medicaid provider number in order to be considered. This stipulation does not apply to students who have not yet completed their training. For students who will establish practice upon completion of training, access the [South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services' \(DHHS\) website](#) to become a Medicaid provider.

## Applicant Scoring Criteria

Candidates are prioritized using an objective checklist that awards points for categories such as community need, practice type and retention factors (e.g., education and/or training in South Carolina).

## How to Apply

Apply online at [www.scahec.net/recruitment](http://www.scahec.net/recruitment).

### Required Materials:

- Completed Application
- Proof of U.S. citizenship, U.S. national or lawful permanent resident status
- Personal statement
- Curriculum vitae
- Letters of support from lay (not dentists) members of the community\*
- Copies of all educational loan documents
- Documentation of practice investment (if applicable)\*
- 1040 form from most recent tax return
- Copy of [SLED state criminal background check](#)

The application cycle opens yearly in October and closes in February ([see website](#) for specific dates).

*\*Not required for MUSC Dental Faculty applicants*

For more information, visit:

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