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Thank you for subscribing to "PPOVA Updates," a service that provides updates about opportunities posted on Virginia's FREE healthcare recruitment website, [Primary Practice Opportunities of Virginia](#).

Current Opportunities

For a list of current opportunities in Virginia, please [visit our page on 3RNet](#). We currently have 86 opportunities listed in Virginia.

Upcoming Events

November 15

[CME/CEU Program for Medical Professionals](#)

Hot Springs, VA

November 16-17

[VAFC/VRFHA Joint Conference](#)

Hot Springs, VA

[View more events on our calendar](#)

Recruitment and Retention Collaborative Team Updates

Applying to the NHSC Loan Repayment Program Just Got Easier!

The new LRP application can be found at:

<https://lrpbcrs.hrsa.gov>.

Links to the new Application Information Bulletin (AIB) and Forms can be found at:

<http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment>.

EMS Rural Summit: Sharing Solutions and Strategies, December 10-11

The Virginia Office of EMS is sponsoring The Rural EMS Summit to develop strategic initiatives and objectives for a state plan to address the needs of rural EMS agencies in Virginia. The summit is scheduled for December 10 and 11, 2009 in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Despite the improvement in EMS service to the rural areas of Virginia there are some looming problems. In March 2009, participants at a Rural EMS Roundtable function identified a number of deficiencies and prioritized the top three challenges facing EMS agencies in rural areas as 1) EMS Agency Leadership and Management, 2) Local government involvement/accountability, and 3) Recruitment and Retention of EMS personnel.

Kevin McGinnis, MPS, EMT-P will be the keynote speaker and meeting facilitator. Kevin is the Program Advisor to the National Association of State EMS Officials, a former state EMS director and the author of the Rural and Frontier Emergency Medical Services Agenda for the Future.

This meeting is a collaborative effort of the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical

Services and the Office of Minority Health and Public Health Policy Division of Primary Care and Rural Health. Funding for this event is provided through a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Flex Grant.

[Learn more and register >](#)

Funding Available for Health Care Jobs in Needy Communities

\$200 Million in Recovery Act funds are expected to support 3,300 clinicians in health centers, rural health clinics, and other health care facilities that care for the uninsured and underserved people. In exchange for two years service with the National Health Services Corp, clinicians will receive loan repayments of up to \$50,000.

- [National Health Service Corps](#)
- [Number of jobs by State](#)
- [Locate Vacancies](#)
- [Apply for the program](#)

Please contact Kai Turner at the Virginia Department of Health if you have questions (804) 864-7423.

Important Information on the National Health Service Corp (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program New Money available now!!

The Health Resources and Services Administration is now accepting new applications to support loan repayment for bonafide educational debt for primary care medical, dental and certain behavioral/mental health clinicians who want to work at National Health Service Corps (NHSC) sites. In exchange for the loan repayment assistance, clinicians serve for two years with the Corps. The new funds, totaling almost \$200 million, are expected to support about 3,300 clinicians that will serve in health centers, rural health clinics and other health outpatient/ambulatory care sites that care for uninsured and underserved people.

HRSA is encouraging fully trained primary health care clinicians who are dedicated to working with the underserved and have qualifying educational loans to apply for this opportunity. In addition to an initial award of up to \$50,000 for loan repayment, each clinician receives a competitive salary and a chance to have a significant impact on a community. Primary health care clinicians interested in applying for the NHSC loan repayment program should visit: <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/apply.htm>.

Recovery Act Funding Available to Expand Health Professions Training

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius today announced the availability of \$200 million to support grants, loans, loan repayment, and scholarships to expand the training of health care professionals. The funds are expected to train approximately 8,000 students and credentialed health professionals by the end of fiscal year 2010.

Today's funds are part of the \$500 million allotted to HHS' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), to address workforce shortages under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

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