

What is Doctors Across New York (DANY) and why was it created?

- State-funded initiative created in 2008 to help train and place physicians in underserved areas to provide care for New York's diverse population.
- Provides funds for practice support or loan repayment for service commitments in underserved areas. One-third of funds go to underserved sites in NYC, with two-thirds going to sites in the rest of the state.
- NYS currently has over **2 million underserved patients** in 179 primary care Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) across the state. Over **600 physicians** would be required in these areas to remove the shortage status. The Center for Health Workforce Studies predicts a physician **shortage of 2,500 -12,000 physicians by 2030**.

Why should I apply?

- To receive financial support or loan repayment funds while serving underserved areas in NYS. There are two DANY programs open to residents/physicians. Residency programs can also receive funds for a loan repayment track open to residents in their program.
 - Physician Loan Repayment Program (PLR): **\$150,000 over a 5-year service commitment period**
 - Physician Practice Support Program (PPS): **\$100,000 over a 2-year service commitment period**
 - Physicians may join an existing practice or start a new practice in an eligible area/site
 - Group Practices or Facilities in eligible areas/sites may also apply for funds on behalf of a physician they are hiring
 - Physician Loan Repayment Track: Awards to residency programs to create a Loan Repayment Track within their program. For more details regarding this program, see [Application Instructions](#)

Who is eligible?

- The physician must meet **ALL** of the following criteria:
 - A US citizen or permanent resident
 - Licensed to practice in NYS by the time the service obligation begins
 - Not fulfilling an obligation under any state or federal loan repayment program where the obligations overlap or coincide with the DANY service obligation period
 - Not currently working in an underserved area (where current service began prior to 7/1/2010)
 - In good standing with the NYSDOH Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC)
 - Not in the employ of a federally-operated facility
 - Not a past recipient of DANY PLR or PPS funding

Where am I required to practice and for how long?

- Underserved area, which can be defined in **one of (3)** ways:
 - If practicing **primary care** (General Internal Medicine, Family Practice, General Pediatrics, Geriatrics, Ob/Gyn) or **psychiatry**:
 - **(1)** The area or site is in a federally designated Primary Care OR Mental Health **HPSA** or Medically Underserved Area (**MUA**). (You can search at <http://datawarehouse.hrsa.gov/GeoAdvisor/ShortageDesignationAdvisor.aspx>)
 - **(2)** The area or site is located in a **rural town**, as defined/listed in pages 6-8 of the [Application Instructions](#)
 - If practicing **another specialty** other than listed above or practicing **outside of a HPSA/MUA or defined rural area**, the proposed service area, site, and specialty must meet certain criteria.
 - Demographic requirements (income levels, employment rates, age- high percentages of elderly or children, etc.)
 - Service-based requirements (average waiting time for follow-up/new appointments, % of visits for indigent care, etc.)
 - Specialty requirements (distance to nearest provider practicing same specialty, recent locum tenens employed to provide specialty care, etc.)
 - **(3) Must meet 6 out of 18 listed criteria**, with supporting documentation per below

How many awards are available and when can I apply?

- 106 PPS awards and at least 70 PLR awards (57 funded through current budget appropriations and 14 awards available from previous funds that were unused) will be available.
- Applications will be accepted beginning _____, and will be accepted on a rolling basis until _____

How do I apply? DANY **Application** (DOH Form 5062) ([Application Instructions](#) are provided)

- Complete **Sections A, B, and C** with appropriate service obligation period (2 years for PPS, 5 years for PLR). This includes applicant, physician, and site information.
- **If practicing primary care or psychiatry in a HPSA/MUA or rural town**, as per above, complete **Section D** (attach HPSA/MUA number and listing from above website, as per page 12 of [Application Instructions](#))
- **If practicing another specialty or practicing outside of a HPSA/MUA**, will need to meet **6 out of 18** criteria in **Section E**.
 - **Supporting documentation is required.** This may include demographic information from US census data or NYC Department of City Planning, as well as signed statements from a principal of the facility attesting to the condition/criteria selected.
 - For specific details and requirements for supporting documentation (for all items 1-18), see [pages 12-15 of the Application Instructions](#).
 - Section E (with supporting documentation) must be completed for each site for which DANY support is requested
- Complete **Section F**- Employment Contract or Business Plan
 - Contracts must be signed by physician and employer and reflect appropriate service obligation.
 - If applicant is an individual physician requesting funds to start a new practice, please attach a copy of the business plan (see footnote 2 on page 2 of [Application Instructions](#) for items that must be included in business plan)
- **For PPS applicants**, also complete **Section G1**(for Individual Physician applicants) **OR** **Section G2** (for Facility or Practice Applicants)
- Applications **must be submitted electronically** as PDF files to gme@health.state.ny.us (if not possible, contact DOH at 518-473-3513).