

DOCTORS ACROSS NEW YORK (DANY)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS



A physician is eligible for a DANY award for the period (January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2022) to repay qualified educational debt or pay costs of establishing or joining a medical practice if the following requirements are met:

- The physician must be a citizen of the United States or a permanent resident alien holding an I-155 or I-551 card.
- The physician must be a graduate of an allopathic or osteopathic medical school.
- The physician must be licensed to practice medicine in New York State (NYS) by the time the three-year DANY service obligation begins.
- The physician must be in good standing, meaning that he or she:
 - Has not been excluded from or terminated by the federal Medicare or Medicaid programs ([Read more here](#));
 - Has not been disciplined by the NYS Board for Professional Medical Conduct ([Read more here](#));
 - Is not under indictment for, or has not been convicted of any felony as defined by NYS Penal Code; and
 - Has not had his or her medical license revoked in any state or territory in the United States.
- The physician must not be in breach of a health professional service obligation to the federal government, any state government, or a local government.
- The physician must not have any judgment liens arising from debt to the federal or any state government.
- The physician must not be delinquent in child support payments.
- The physician must not have previously received DANY PLR or PPS funding.
- The physician must not be fulfilling an obligation under any state or federal loan repayment program which overlaps or coincides with the three-year DANY service obligation.
- The physician must have either an employment contract or a business plan, as described below:
 - A physician who seeks a DANY award to repay educational debt must have an employment contract with a health care facility requiring the physician to provide physician services for at least the entire DANY service obligation period. For these purposes, a “health care facility” means:
 - A general hospital, diagnostic and treatment center (“D&TC”), or a nursing home licensed by the NYS Department of Health pursuant to PHL Article 28;
 - A facility certified, but not operated, by the NYS Office of Mental Health (“OMH”) pursuant to Mental Hygiene Law (“MHL”) Article 31;
 - A facility licensed, but not operated, by the NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (“OASAS”) pursuant to MHL Article 32;
 - A hospital or nursing home operated by the NYS Department of Health, meaning Helen Hayes Hospital, the NYS Veterans Home at Batavia, the New York Veterans Home at Montrose, the NYS Veterans Home at Oxford, or the NYS Veterans Home at St. Albans; or
 - A medical practice that is registered with the NYS Department of State as a Professional Corporation (“PC”) or Professional Limited Liability Corporation (“PLLC”).
 - ❖ A physician employed by a health care facility operated by a New York State agency, other than the Department of Health or the State University of New York (“SUNY”), is not eligible to apply under this RFA. A physician employed by a health care facility operated by the federal government is not eligible to apply under this RFA.

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- A physician who seeks a DANY award to pay costs to establish or join a medical practice must have a business plan for at least the entire DANY service obligation period, where such practice is or will be registered with the NYS Department of State as a PC or PLLC.
- The health care facility or practice where the physician will be employed or the medical practice that the physician will establish or join must be located in an underserved area, as defined in Attachment 7 of this RFA.
- The services that the physician will provide under the employment contract or business plan must constitute full time clinical practice, meaning at least 40 hours of service (with a minimum of 32 clinical hours) per week for at least 45 weeks per year. The 40 hours per week may be compressed into no less than four days per week, with no more than 12 hours of work performed in any 24-hour period. The 40 hours per week may not include time spent in “on-call” status except to the extent that the physician is regularly scheduled and providing patient care at a site identified in Attachment 3 of this application during that time. Any hours worked in excess of 40 hours per week shall not be applied to any other work week.
- The physician cannot have worked as a physician in any capacity in any underserved area, as defined in Attachment 7 of this RFA, between the dates of August 30, 2010 and August 30, 2015.
- The date on which the physician’s employment contract or business plan begins must be no earlier than August 31, 2015 and no later than January 1, 2019.
- The start date of the physician’s DANY service obligation under this contract will be January 1, 2019.
- The employment contract or business plan, as applicable, must reflect that the physician will provide health services to individuals in the area without discriminating against them:
 - Because of their inability to pay for those services; or
 - Because of their enrollment in or utilization of insurance provided under Part A “Medicaid” or Part B “State Children’s Health Insurance Program” of Title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395).
- The employment contract or business plan, as applicable, must reflect that the physician:
 - Shall accept assignment under section 1842(b)(3)(B)(ii) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. section 1395u(b)(3)(B)(ii)) for all services for which payment is made under Part B of Title XVIII of such act; and
 - Shall enter into an appropriate agreement with the State agency which administers the State plan for medical assistance under Titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide services to individuals entitled to medical assistance under the plan if no current agreement exists with the employing facility.