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Provider Eligibility

- Eligible Disciplines
 - Certified Nurse Midwife
 - Clinical Psychologist
 - Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor
 - Licensed Behavioral Practitioner
 - Licensed Clinical Social Worker
 - Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
 - Licensed Professional Counselor
 - Nurse Practitioner
 - Pharmacist (In Behavioral Health Settings)
 - Physician Assistant (Urban Only)
 - Psychiatrist (DO or MD)
 - Registered Nurse (In Behavioral Health Settings)
- In order to be eligible to participate in OK Health Corps, all applicants:
 - Must possess an active, permanent, and valid license to practice an eligible healthcare profession in the State of Oklahoma. Provisional (Under Supervision) and temporary licensed healthcare professionals are not eligible to participate in OK Health Corps.

- Must NOT have an outstanding contractual obligation for health professional service to the Federal Government, to a state, or another entity unless the service obligation will be completely satisfied before the OK Health Corps contract is finalized. This includes those whose employment contracts contain provisions creating a service obligation such as a recruitment bonus in return for agreement to practice at the facility for a specified period of time or return the bonus.
- OK Health Corps does not consider the <u>Public Service Loan</u> <u>Forgiveness</u> (PSLF) program a service obligation, and therefore OK Health Corps participants are eligible to concurrently participate in the PSLF program.
- Those in the Reserve Component of the U.S. Armed Forces or National Guard are eligible to participate in OK Health Corps. In the event the participant's military training and/or service, in combination with other absences from the service site, exceed thirty- five (35) work days per service year, the OK Health Corps contract and service obligation will be extended to compensate for the break in service.
- Those with Primary Care Loans through the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Bureau of Health Professions are NOT eligible to participate in OK Health Corps.

Must NOT have:

- Any federal judgment liens
- A default on any federal payment obligations (e.g., Health Education Assistance Loans, Nursing Student Loans, federal income tax liabilities, Federal Housing

- Authority loans, etc.) even if the creditor now considers them to be in good standing;
- Breached a prior service obligation to the federal/state/local government or other entity, even if the obligation was subsequently satisfied.
- Had any federal or non-federal debt written off as uncollectible or received a waiver of any federal service or payment obligation.
- Must work in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) designation appropriate for the applicant's discipline: primary care HPSA for primary care disciplines; dental HPSA for dentists and registered dental hygienists; and mental health HPSA for behavioral health disciplines.
- Must be employed and have started providing primary care, dental, or mental health services at an approved practice site prior to applying for OK Health Corps.
- Must agree to apply one hundred percent (100%) of OK Health Corps to qualifying educational loans.
- Must complete and submit the approved OK Health Corps application and all required supporting documentation during the application timeframe.
- See <u>OKHC Program Guidance</u> for more details.