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Question	Answer
1. The eligibility requirements refer to "new employee" and "new graduate". Can you define the term "new"?	After careful review, it has been determined that "new graduate" and "new employee" is described as someone who graduated or accepted employment within the last three years up to the semester of the program's application deadline (January 2013 to present). However, priority consideration will go to those who've graduated or accepted employment since January 2015 to present. The year determination is on a rolling calendar. (The oldest year will roll off after each subsequent new year.)
2. Regarding loan (s) what is NSLDS?	The National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) is the U.S. Department of Education's central database for student aid. It receives data from schools, agencies that guaranty loans, the Direct Loan program, the Pell Grant program, and other U.S. Department of Education programs. NSLDS provides a centralized, integrated view of Title IV loans and Pell grants that are tracked through their entire cycle; from aid approval through closure.
3. I graduated in 2011 but will become licensed this year. Do I qualify?	Based on the "new graduate" definition, you do not qualify for this program.
4. Do I need to submit original transcripts sealed from the school with my packet or can they be a PDF official document?	Transcripts that can be access through the student portal are accepted. Sealed transcripts are not required.
5. Does my employer have to service low poverty clients or be located in an underserved population for me to qualify?	No, your employer does not have to be located in an underserved demographic. However, applicants who are working in underserved areas will receive priority consideration.

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6. Can my employer sign the employment verification form?	Yes, your employer or agency's HR representative can sign the employment verification form.
7. Can I accept a new position within my current agency and meet the requirement?	Yes, if you meet all other requirements i.e. new graduate.
8. Is the repayment assistance determined by a percentage of what I currently pay?	The selection committee will utilize an evaluation tool to determine awards. Your income and loan debt among other factors will be considered in the final determination.
9. Will participation in other service loan forgiveness programs make me ineligible to apply?	You can participate in other loan repayment programs but will need to indicate the amount awarded and subtract it from the overall loan debt as well as inform the other programs of your award.
10. Please clarify if a non-Indiana resident can qualify for this program if accepting a new position in a mental health setting or is it only for those who are establishing new practices.	A non-Indiana resident may qualify if moving to Indiana to establish a practice (per statute). Conversely, an Indiana resident may also be considered if establishing a new practice within the aforementioned timeframes.
11. Please clarify whether or not I can apply if I am currently working an internship but will have full-time employment after graduation?	Your application will be held but not processed until a full-time employment verification form is submitted. If your employment verification form is not submitted prior to the April 6th award notification date, your application will be denied and you will have to reapply at a later time.
12. Can a person in school to obtain licensure or will soon obtain licensure qualify for this program?	The term new graduate is referring to a person who has completed a degree program and the degree will be conferred within the application timeframe as previously indicated.
13. How much are the awards and how are they calculated?	The awards may go up to 25 percent of your student loan debt, not to exceed $25,000 per year, for no more than four years. The exception is for an addiction psychiatrist who can apply for assistance up to five years. An evaluation tool will be used by a selection committee to determine eligibility and the award amount. Awards and the

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	amounts are contingent on funding availability.
14. What degree programs are considered?	The degree programs or disciplines considered include Psychiatrist, Addiction Psychiatrist, Psychiatric Nurse (including Psychiatric Nurse Practioners), Psychologist, HSPP, LMHC, LCSW, LMFT, LCAC, LSW or LAC. Additionally, you must be licensed or on track to obtain licensure and must be working in an integrated primary and behavioral healthcare setting.
15. I have been practicing in Indiana for four years but reside in another state. Am I eligible for this program?	You do not qualify based on the eligibility requirement that indicates you must move to Indiana to establish a practice.