MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA)

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MENTAL HEALTH LOAN ASSUMPTION PROGRAM (MHLAP) IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Deadline for submission of your application <u>has been extended to November 2, 2015.</u>

Over $3.9 million is available.

This year the County of Los Angeles criteria has expanded to include **personnel providing targeted case management and rehabilitative services as well as MAA and COS billing.** Personnel working (but not limited to) as employment specialists, medical case workers, occupational therapists and psychiatric technicians are a few of the occupational categories that may provide such direct services and qualify to apply.

PLEASE NOTE: MHLAP is specifically for personnel working in the public mental health system (Department of Mental Health [DMH] and its DMH-funded contracted programs and their respective subcontractors).

County of Los Angeles eligibility and the hard-to-fill/retain criteria can be found by accessing the following link:
http://oshpd.ca.gov/documents/HPEF/MHLAP-Los-Angeles-County-Criteria.pdf

The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) is sponsoring technical assistance conference calls: 1-866-434-5269 and participant code: 439482

Dates and times are as follows:

October 21	**5:00 PM**
October 28	**7:45 AM**
October 29	**5:00 PM**
October 30	**7:45 AM**
November 2	**5:00 PM**

For additional information regarding MHLAP, please visit the MHLAP homepage at: http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/MHLAP.html or call (800) 773-1669. Personnel will need to register as a user on the CalREACH (access CalREACH, click Responsive Electron Application etc. and Login: New User/Former User) site to submit an application.

REQUIREMENTS	DIRECT SERVICE STAFF	DIRECT SERVICE SUPERVISOR
Eligible Professions	Eligible clinical personnel [1] include: licensed/registered psychologist and psychiatrist; licensed marriage and family therapist; licensed/associate clinical social worker; licensed professional clinical counselor; licensed/certified/registered psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner or registered nurse; rehabilitation staff [2]; and DMH public conservators	Eligible professions include: licensed psychologist and psychiatrist; licensed marriage and family therapist; licensed clinical social worker; licensed professional clinical counselor; licensed/registered psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner or registered nurse; DMH public conservators.
Employment Status	Full-time, permanent employees in a public mental health program that is either directly operated by LAC-DMH, a legal entity contractor or subcontractor of a legal entity, where the program of employment is funded by LAC-DMH and Mental Health Services Act. Employment verification must be completed by direct clinical supervisor or program manager (no HR personnel).	Full-time, permanent employees in a public mental health program that are either directly operated by LAC-DMH, a legal entity contractor or subcontractor of a legal entity, where the program of employment is funded by LAC-DMH and Mental Health Services Act. Employment verification must be completed by direct clinical supervisor or program manager (no HR personnel).
Total Weekly Hours of Direct Service	At least 50% of your time must be spent performing direct clinical consumer mental health services in a qualifying outpatient mental health program.	At least 25% of your time must be spent performing direct clinical consumer mental health services in a qualifying outpatient mental health program.
Previously Awarded Considerations	Previously awarded individuals are eligible to apply if they meet the current "Hard-to-Fill/Retain Criteria." However, priority is given to qualified applicants who have not received any financial incentive award.	Previously awarded individuals are eligible to apply if they meet the current "Hard-to-Fill/Retain Criteria." However, priority is given to qualified applicants who have not received any financial incentive award.
Hard to Fill/Retain Payback Commitment	Awardees are obligated to remain in their original "Hard-to-Fill/Retain" designation for the 12-month commitment period or risk forfeiting their award.	Awardees are obligated to remain in their original "Hard-to-Fill/Retain" designation for the 12-month commitment period or risk forfeiting their award.
Hard-to-Fill/Retain Criteria [3]	Assigned full-time to an outpatient mental health program funded by the Mental Health Services Act and include services targeting: **AND** **AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING** • Homeless • TAY • Veterans • Older Adults • LGBTQ • UREP • Diversion programs **OR**	Assigned full-time to an outpatient mental health program funded by the Mental Health Services Act [4] **AND**
Eligible Language or Representing Underserved/Unserved Communities	■Arabic ■Armenian ■Cambodian ■Cantonese ■Farsi ■Korean ■Mandarin ■Other Chinese ■Russian ■Spanish ■Tagalog ■Vietnamese ■Sign Language **OR** *Applicant represents an underserved/unserved community (i.e., API, African, African American, Native American, Latino, Middle Eastern or other underrepresented communities)*	n/a

1 Defined as direct services that generate units of service, opening or closing cases, crisis intervention, assessments, individual/family/group therapy, rehabilitation services, medication evaluation/consultation and EBP interventions.

2 For rehabilitative services, such as case management, linkage, MAA and COS.

3 To be considered for MHLAP, you need to clearly identify your qualifying program, community served or represented on the "County Employment or Volunteer Verification" section of the MHLAP Application.

4 Residential, psychiatric inpatient, TBS, psychiatric emergency room, and adult correctional programs are excluded from MHLAP consideration.