



**To:** Medi-Cal PCPs and Specialists  
**From:** IEHP – Provider Relations  
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**Subject:** **CalHealthCares Loan Repayment Program- Deadline Extended!**

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The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and Physicians for a Healthy California (PHC) recognize health care providers are heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The CalHealthCares Program can benefit Providers throughout California. Therefore, DHCS and PHC have extended the application deadline to **February 26, 2021!** This will provide CalHealthCares applicants an extra two (2) weeks to apply and hopefully reduce some of the stress.

The CalHealthCares program administers loan repayment on educational debt for California physicians and dentists who provide care to Medi-Cal patients, which represent one-third of Californians and half of the state's children. **Eligible physicians can apply for a loan repayment award of up to \$300,000 in exchange for a five-year service obligation.** The program is funded by Proposition 56 (2016) voter-approved, state tax revenues,

All eligible Physicians are encouraged to apply. **The 2021 CalHealthCares application cycle closes February 26, at 11:59 PM. Interested individuals can apply on the Physicians for a Health California (PHC) website.**

Visit [CalHealthCares.org](https://www.calhealthcares.org) for more information about the program, including Application Instructions, fact sheets, infographics and awardee information from previous cycles.

Please share this information with interested parties, and email [CalHealthCares@phcdocs.org](mailto:CalHealthCares@phcdocs.org) with “subscribe” in the subject line to be added to our distribution list.

Click here to see the CalHealthCares feature on [NBC Nightly News: Mission to End Doctor Shortages and Soaring Student Debt.](#)

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the IEHP Provider Relations Team at (909) 890-2054.