

Substance Abuse Treatment and Recovery Loan Repayment Program (STAR LRP)

2022 Application Cycle – Applications Due July 7, 2022 5:30 PM MT

Administered by the Health Resources & Services Administration, this loan repayment program offers up to \$250,000 in loan repayment for certain full-time substance abuse disorder (SUD) providers. All health center sites are eligible to become STAR LRP-approved facilities.

What providers are eligible for STAR LRP?

Providers must meet all the following qualifications to be eligible for STAR LRP:

- Work full-time for six years in a STAR LRP approved facility (more info on approved facilities below)
- Eligible providers must be:
 - **Working in a full-time SUD position¹**
 - A registered SUD professional
 - Fully licensed and credentialed in an eligible discipline. Full list of eligible disciplines can be found [HERE](#).
- Submit a complete application, including employment verification completed by a health center's National Health Service Corps (NHSC) point of contact, **prior to July 7, 2022 at 5:30 PM MT.**

Interested providers can apply [HERE](#).

What facilities can be STAR LRP-approved facilities?

All of Utah's health center locations are eligible to become STAR LRP-approved facilities.

Most of Utah's health centers are auto-approved as a STAR LRP-approved facility. A facility is auto approved if the facility:

- Is an NHSC site
- Has a MHPSA designation (all Utah health centers have a MHPSA designation), and
- Is located in a county with a three-year drug overdose mortality rate higher than the national average (>28.3 deaths per 100,000). Counties with an overdose mortality rate higher than the national average and at least one health center location within the county include:
 - Carbon County
 - Emery County
 - Millard County
 - Salt Lake County
 - Sevier County
 - Uintah County
 - Washington County
 - Weber County

¹ A position is considered a full-time SUD position if "the primary intent and function of the position is the direct treatment or recovery support of patients with or in recovery from a substance use disorder."

To check if a health center is auto-approved as a STAR LRP-approved facility, a health center's NHSC point of contact can log onto the [BHW Customer Service Program Portal](#) and check site designations. You may also check a designation in HRSA's [Health Workforce Connector](#).

If your site is not auto-approved as a STAR LRP-approved site, the process to become an approved site can be found [HERE](#).

A facility must be STAR LRP-approved prior to July 7. **A facility must also verify employment for any STAR LRP applicants from their facility prior to the application deadline on July 7 at 5:30 PM MT.** An employment verification FAQ is available [HERE](#). AUCH highly recommends completing the STAR LRP-approved facility process ASAP, even if your site does not anticipate any applicants to STAR LRP.

For additional assistance or any questions about applying to STAR LRP, becoming an approved facility, or employment verification, please contact Rachel Craig, AUCH's Legislative Coordinator, at rcraig@auch.org.