



NEW MEXICO HEALTH SERVICE CORPS

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New Mexico Helping Health Professionals Help New Mexicans

The New Mexico Health Service Corps is a state supported program administered by the NM Department of Health, Public Health Division, Office of Primary Care/Rural Health that recruits, places and helps support designated health professionals in rural and medically underserved areas of New Mexico.

The NMHSC provides stipends to eligible health professionals during their last two years of training or residency who in turn enter into contract with the Department of Health to provide (when licensed) health service for a minimum of two years (1600 hours per year) in an underserved area of New Mexico¹.

To be eligible for a stipend, potential participants must be pursuing a program of study in one of the following health professions. Stipend amounts are stated below.

- Primary Care Physician in Residency - allopathic or osteopathic (up to \$25,000)
- Physician Assistant (up to \$20,000)
- Family Nurse Practitioner (up to \$20,000)
- Certified Nurse Midwife (up to \$15,000)
- EMT-Paramedic (up to \$5,000)
- Dentists - DMD or DDS (up to \$25,000)
- Dental Hygienists – Associate Degree (up to \$12,500)
- Dental Hygienists – Bachelors or Masters (up to \$15,000)

The actual number of NMHSC stipends and community contracts awarded each year depends on the needs of the underserved areas and the funds appropriated by the NM Legislature. Applicants must also:

- **Be enrolled or accepted by an accredited or approved educational program of study or be engaged in a residency training program or preceptorship.**
- **Be within 24 months of completion of the program of study and becoming eligible to apply for a license or certificate in the profession of study.**
- **Be a citizen or a permanent resident of the United States and be domiciled in New Mexico.**

A NMHSC stipend is awarded for one fiscal year at a time (July 1st to June 30th). Applications submitted to the NMHSC program undergo an initial screening to ensure that each is complete and meets the basic requirements. Then the NMHSC Advisory Committee reviews applications and makes final recommendations for awards based on the availability of funds and the priorities of the state's workforce needs.

Applicants are responsible for assuring that all required information is received within the required time frame. Qualifications for the stipend award include ability, character, a demonstrated commitment from the applicant to complete his/her training, and a strong willingness to serve in an eligible practice site and provide health care to the underserved. Dental priorities include proposed service utilizing collaborative practice, candidates from rural or underserved community backgrounds, and in education or training programs that are focused on general practice.

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¹ *The individual who receives a NMHSC stipend and defaults on the service contract is subject to a penalty of three (3) times the amount of the original stipend plus 18% interest per year.*

General Guidelines – Stipend Program

Thank you for your interest in the New Mexico Health Service Corps Stipend program. The State of New Mexico wants to support your education efforts and needs your vital skills and service to overcome health care disparities across the state.

Please read all information carefully. *The individual who receives a New Mexico Health Service Corps Commitment Stipend is required to provide two years of service with monthly service hours reporting requirements, upon licensure, at an approved health clinic in a medically underserved area. Defaulting on this agreement will result in a penalty as outlined in the NM Statute, 7.29.2 NMAC, of repayment of three (3) times the amount of the total stipend received, *plus* up to 18% interest per year.*

- **Please submit the application, references & transcripts NO LATER THAN 5:00 pm MDT, April 29, 2017.** Late or incomplete applications will not be reviewed.
- Five page application with all questions completed (typed and digitally signed in interactive PDF). Send a resume as a separate attachment with your application, as a PDF or Word file.
- In the self-recommendation portion of the application, be sure to explain why you want the stipend and also indicate your willingness to provide healthcare service in an underserved area of NM.
- Copy of letter of acceptance from your current program or residency. Please scan and email or fax.
- Official transcript from your current or immediate past school (except MDs and DOs, send copy of degree). Provide an official copy of EMT-Basic/Intermediate certification and college or advance training transcript, if available. Have transcripts mailed to the address below.
- Have the three (3) required references mailed directly to Roxanne Konst at the address below

Each applicant will receive an acknowledgement letter via email from our office confirming we have received your application. Then it will be reviewed for completeness and forwarded to the NMHSC Advisory Committee who will score and rank the applications. Upon award you will be notified of acceptance and the contracting process will begin. Note: Funds will be disbursed approximately ninety days after the contract is signed.

The stipend recipient selection process: Applicants are scored and ranked by the NMHSC Advisory Committee members on the following criteria:

- A. Academic Record;
- B. Self Recommendation;
- C. Employment & volunteer experience;
- D. Overall ability, character and qualifications as presented in the application;
- E. References;
- F. Indication of a commitment to serve to an underserved area or population.

Each evaluator ranks each category 1 to 5 points. The points are averaged. An applicant must receive a minimum of 19 points to be considered for the stipend award; 30 points is the maximum that an applicant can receive. Stipend recipients are chosen from among the top scoring applicants. The number of applicants chosen is determined by the amount of money appropriated by the State Legislature for the current fiscal year.

For consideration, *submit original application by email to the attention of Roxanne Konst at roxanne.konst1@state.nm.us No Later Than 5:00 PM, April 29, 2017.*