



## Nevada HEAL Program Scoring Rubric

Assembly Bill No. 45 (A.B. 45) of the 2023 Legislative Session created the Student Loan Repayment for Providers of Health Care in Underserved Communities Program, which was later renamed the Nevada Health Equity and Loan Assistance (HEAL) Program. Eligible providers of health care who commit to at least 5 years of clinical practice in certain communities in Nevada may receive repayment of student education loans up to \$120,000. The Program's regulations require the State Treasurer to develop and publish a rubric with weighted scoring criteria that will be used to score applications to the Program. This is to be published each year on the State Treasurer website at least 30 days prior to the start of the application period. Below is the rubric and scoring criteria for the program's Calendar Year 2025 application period, which opens January 2025.

Scoring Criteria	Number of Possible Points
<i>Currently practicing in an underserved community.</i>	15
<i>Not currently practicing in an underserved community, but would relocate if approved.</i>	15
<i>Currently is, or would be, the only provider type within a 50-mile radius of an underserved community.</i>	10
<i>Has <u>not</u> previously received or been approved for student loan repayment through another existing student loan repayment program(s).</i>	5
<i>Has committed to or is currently engaging in the practice of primary care in an underserved community.</i>	10
<i>Has committed to or is currently engaging in the practice of sexual and reproductive health care in an underserved community.</i>	10
<i>Has committed to or is currently engaging in the practice of behavioral health care in an underserved community.</i>	10
<i>Is committed to or currently accepting patients who are recipients of Medicare, Medicaid or insurance pursuant to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).</i>	10
<i>Serving 0-25% of patients who are Medicaid, Medicare, and/or CHIP recipients.</i>	10
<i>Serving 26-50% of patients who are Medicaid, Medicare, and/or CHIP recipients.</i>	15
<i>Serving 51-75% of patients who are Medicaid, Medicare, and/or CHIP recipients.</i>	20
<i>Serving 76% or more of patients who are Medicaid, Medicare, and/or CHIP recipients.</i>	25
<i>Is committed to or currently accepting patients who have been affected by intellectual or developmental disabilities.</i>	5
<i>Is bilingual/speaks two or more of the top 5 languages within an underserved community.</i>	10
<i>Currently spends between 0-25% of time each week practicing in an underserved community.</i>	10
<i>Currently spends between 26-50% of time each week practicing in an underserved community.</i>	15
<i>Currently spends between 51-75% of time each week practicing in an underserved community.</i>	20
<i>Currently spends between 76-100% of time each week practicing in an underserved community.</i>	25
<i>Graduated from an educational institution within the State of Nevada for undergraduate, graduate, or medical education.</i>	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>250</b>

Definitions:
<b>Behavioral Health Care</b> - Diagnostic, therapeutic or psychological services provided by a provider of health care to treat conditions of behavioral health.
<b>Bilingual</b> - Speaks two or more languages fluently.
<b>"Committed to"</b> - Means that a provider of health care will abide by and adhere to statements and/or affirmations made during the application process if they are approved for student loan repayment under this program.
<b>Developmental disability</b> - Pursuant to NRS 435.007, this means means autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder or any other neurological condition diagnosed by a qualified professional that is manifested before the person affected attains the age of 22 years, is likely to continue indefinitely, results in substantial functional limitations, as measured by a qualified professional, in three or more of the following areas of major life activity: taking care of oneself; understanding and use of language; learning, mobility, self direction, and capacity for independent living. Additionally, this condition also results in the person affected requiring a combination of individually planned and coordinated services, support or other assistance that is lifelong or has an extended duration.
<b>Intellectual disability</b> - Pursuant to NRS 435.007, this means significantly subaverage general intellectual functioning existing concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior and manifested during the developmental period.
<b>Primary Care</b> - Pursuant to NRS 226.458, this means the practice of family medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine, psychiatry or obstetrics and gynecology.
<b>Sexual and Reproductive Health Care</b> - The practice of increasing the health of a individual's reproductive system and/or sexual well-being throughout all stages of their life.