

**Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Loan Repayment Program (LRP)
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1	<p>How do we confirm that we are an approved site? And if we aren't how do we enroll?</p> <p>Within the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Loan Repayment Program (LRP), the practitioner shall select from the list of approved practice sites. The employment status will be verified with the Human Resources Department of SUD LRP-approved practice site(s) prior to an application being selected for an SUD LRP award.</p> <p>DDAP-licensed drug and alcohol treatment facilities, SCA-funded case management services at either the SCA or their contracted case management providers are considered SUD LRP - approved practice sites. These SUD LRP – approved practice sites are already established within the SUD RPR on-line application.</p>
2	<p>How are repayments calculated, is this an income-based program repayment. I am currently enrolled in the fed loan service program; how does this differ? And is applying for this better than the fed loan forgiveness?</p> <p>This is not an income-based program. In addition, practitioner having any outstanding service obligations with another entity during the project period (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024) are ineligible for participation in this funding opportunity. See Section 7. Ineligible Factors within the project summary for additional information.</p>
3	<p>I received an email today regarding the loan repayment program. I have a few questions. I believe I read that loans that originated more than 15 years ago would not qualify. I completed my undergraduate degree in 1997 and my graduate degree in 1999. I'm currently participating in the loan forgiveness program. Would that present any kind of conflict?</p> <p>A practitioner having any outstanding service obligations with another entity during the project period (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024) are ineligible for participation in this funding opportunity. See Section 7. Ineligible Factors within the project summary for additional information.</p>
4	<p>Will this Loan Repayment include LPN's as well?</p> <p>Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) is not listed as an eligible discipline for this funding opportunity. See Section 6. Eligible Practitioners within the project summary for additional information.</p>

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5	<p>Why are LPN's not included in any of these re-payment programs?</p> <p>A nurse licensed to practice by the State Board of Nursing is not required to have a four-year degree. Every applicant for examination as LPN shall furnish evidence that they hold a high school diploma or equivalent; and has satisfactorily completed a program in practical nursing prescribed and approved by the board.</p>
6	<p>Do Executive Directors or Clinical Directors who oversee the services offered at a SUD OP or IP facility qualify for the LRP? Looking for clarification on the 50% SUD treatment. We also have other indirect support positions (Quality Managers) who are requesting clarification.</p> <p>Any additional guidance would be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>The practitioner shall have spent 50% of their hours each week providing SUD treatment or SCA-funded case management services at an SUD LRP-approved practice site. The 50% of care provided shall be associated with SUD counseling, medication-assisted treatment (MAT) or case management and related support services.</p>
7	<p>I was wondering how much loan forgiveness you can get for 2 years of service. Also does how much you get approved for have anything to do with what job you have (if you are a counselor with no license verses a LPC?) . I am about to be an LPC in the next month, what if I start the application as just a counselor but by June, I am licensed? I thought when I looked into this program before you had to be licensed counselor , have they not changed that requirement to now you can just be a counselor at an eligible facility?</p> <p>Award amounts and number of awards shall be dependent upon number of applications received meeting the criteria within the Grant Initiative Funding Application (GIFA), amount of grant assistance being requested, and the amount of available grant assistance to be awarded. See Section 6. Eligible Practitioners within the project summary for additional information.</p>
8	<p>As I was reading this, I read qualification information that you must currently be working for "SUD LRP-approved practice site" in the 2 years immediately prior to 7/1/22.</p> <p>I just want to ensure that I am understanding this correctly...</p> <p>I have over 2 years of previous experience working for SUD LRP's in the past few years, but, have been working in a group practice, doing SUD treatment with my CAADC during the past 2 years.</p>

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	<p>Practitioners shall have at least two years of full-time or four years of half-time work experience providing SUD treatment or SCA-funded case management services immediately preceding July 1, 2022. See Section 6. Eligible Practitioners within the project summary for additional information.</p>
9	<p>Is a Peer Support Supervisor working with SUD population also eligible for this program?</p> <p>Peer Support Supervisor is not listed as an eligible discipline for this funding opportunity. See Section 6. Eligible Practitioners within the project summary for additional information.</p>
10	<p>Is parent plus loans eligible?</p> <p>Educational loans owned wholly or in part by any other person other than the practitioner are considered a non-qualifying educational expense. See Section 10. Ineligible Loan Expenses within the project summary for additional information.</p>
11	<p>If I have a loan through a family member, is that an eligible loan?</p> <p>See question 10 above.</p>
12	<p>Is this only for programs that are contracted with the SCA and accept SCA funding or can any professional staff working at a DDAP licensed facility apply?</p> <p>See question 1 above.</p>
13	<p>Are individuals working in residential SUD programs eligible to apply?</p> <p>See question 1 above.</p>
14	<p>Can you please provide a list of DDAP-approved sites that would be eligible for this program so we can communicate with staff accordingly?</p> <p>See question 1 above.</p>
15	<p>I am trying to apply for the SUD LRP and both places I worked were closed down. I cannot add them since they are no longer on the list, however I do think I should still qualify having served.</p> <p>See question 1 above.</p>

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16	<p>How do I obtain a signed document from the SUD LRP approved facilities Human Resources Department and what kind of letter am I requesting?</p> <p>See question 1 above.</p>
17	<p>Can you provide a list of SUD LRP approved facilities?</p> <p>See question 1 above.</p>
18	<p>Do you have to be working at an approved facility?</p> <p>Yes, see Section 6. Eligible Practitioners within the project summary for additional information.</p>
19	<p>Would an executive director of a methadone clinic qualify for this opportunity?</p> <p>See Section 6. Eligible Practitioners within the project summary for additional information regarding eligible disciplines.</p>
20	<p>I was wondering what exactly 50% of my time providing SUD services meant. Does it mean 50% of my working hours or client count?</p> <p>See question 6 above.</p>
21	<p>If you have been working at an approved site for 2+ years already, do those past years count towards the 2-year service commitment or does it start from the day of the accepted program?</p> <p>Practitioners shall have at least two years of full-time or four years of half-time work experience providing SUD treatment or SCA-funded case management services immediately preceding July 1, 2022.</p> <p>Any grant assistance to a practitioner to repay any portion of their outstanding qualified educational loans is in exchange for a 2-year service commitment. This 2-year service commitment will be from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024. During this time the practitioner shall continue to provide SUD treatment or SCA-funded case management services at an SUD LRP-approved practice site. An internship shall not be considered full-time employment.</p>

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22	<p>I was wondering if prior case management experience in which majority of the individuals did have a SUD, but it was not at a SCA funded location, would be able to count towards this two years?</p> <p>The practitioner shall have at least two years of full-time or four years of half-time work experience providing SUD treatment or SCA-funded case management services immediately preceding July 1, 2022.</p> <p>This required work experience shall be at a SUD LRP-approved practice site. DDAP-licensed drug and alcohol treatment facilities, SCA-funded case management services at either the SCA or their contracted case management providers are considered approved practice sites. An internship shall not be considered full-time employment.</p>
23	<p>I noticed that the project summary document reads Length of Project Period states beginning July 1, 2022 ending June 30th 2024 if funding is available” Is it expected that the application is going to reopen again after the 5/26/22 closing?</p> <p>The application period for this funding opportunity will not open after the closing on May 26, 2022.</p>
24	<p>I am in the middle of my application for the SUD LRP. I got stuck at the service verification letter. Is there a specific form we need for this or just a letter from HR verifying our employment?</p> <p>Practitioners applying under the disciplines of Clinical Supervisor, Counselor, Counselor Assistant, Case Management Supervisor, and Case Manager shall submit a signed document on letterhead from the Human Resources Department of the SUD LRP-approved practice site(s). This signed document shall attest to the practitioner being an employee in one of these disciplines. There is not a specific form, rather it is just a letter from the Human Resources Department verifying the practitioner’s employment under the disciplines of Clinical Supervisor, Counselor, Counselor Assistant, Case Management Supervisor, or Case Manager.</p> <p>This signed service verification letter shall attest to the practitioner being an employee in one of these disciplines and current dates of employment.</p>

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25	<p>If my practice site is not listed on the Site Name drop down menu, can I add it or is it not eligible?</p> <p>See question 1 above.</p>
26	<p>I am in the process of filling out the application for the SUD loan repayment program. I am beginning to add in my loans, though there are only 10 lines and I have about 17 different accounts that I need to add. Is there any way for me to add more lines?</p> <p>The loan information tab has ten different loan accounts which can be entered. Select the ten educational loans you would like to be considered for this SUD LRP.</p>
27	<p>How do I get a site listed, or proceed accordingly with the application?</p> <p>See question 1 above.</p>
28	<p>I have worked in my current FT position for 8 years. Do I place that information under Previous Employment and use end date as date I'm filling out application?</p> <p>If you have been employed at your current SUD LRP-approved practice site since July 1, 2020, type "None" in the notes box at the bottom of the page.</p>
29	<p>In the Loan Information section, you ask for- "All loans submitted require verification. For each current loan listed, be sure to scroll to the right to attach an Account Statement and Disbursement Report."</p> <p>Since COVID, I haven't gotten a loan statement, since it's been deferred, and my loans are taken over by another provider. I don't have any loan statements.</p> <p>The only thing the lender was able to give me was the Confirmation of Repayment Information, Current account information and Payment History. Will any of these do for an Account Statement? I do have the Disbursement info I believe. My loans are also consolidated a few times so I'm not sure about the disbursement.</p> <p>All loans submitted require verification. For each <u>current</u> loan listed, be sure to scroll to the right to attach an Account Statement and a Disbursement Report. See Section 11. Reporting Requirements within the project summary for additional information.</p>

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	<p>In addition, consolidated or refinanced loans will only be considered for repayment if <i>each original</i> loan in the consolidation or refinance would have been considered a qualifying educational loan to the practitioner at the time each original loan was granted (and can be documented as such) and the consolidated or refinanced loan is from the government (Federal, state, or local) or commercial student lender.</p>
30	<p>In regard to the "loan information" section, I received my loans through AES but they have recently switched to Mohela. Under the "loan program name", "lender", and "lender payment address" would I base this information off Mohela?</p> <p>Also, under "loan program name", I have different program names under the same account number, so I am not sure what to use for this.</p> <p>See question 29 above.</p>
31	<p>Do I need to have a bachelor's degree to get this? Does an associates suffice?</p> <p>An Associate degree may be an eligible loan expense if the practitioner applied under an eligible discipline which only requires an Associate degree. The Associate degree shall be applicable for meeting the qualifications for the SUD LRP. In addition, the practitioner shall meet all of the other application requirements.</p>
32	<p>I have asked my HR dept to provide the service verification letter and they have asked if there is a specific form and if not what the letter needs to state?</p> <p>See question 24 above.</p>
33	<p>I do not see that a Clinical Director is eligible for the loan. Can you provide some insight on this? Is it an oversight or Directors are just not eligible?</p> <p>Clinical Director is not listed as an eligible discipline for this funding opportunity. See Section 6. Eligible Practitioners within the project summary for additional information.</p>
34	<p>I have worked very diligently as a SUD counselor since August of 2020. I am just a bit shy of 2 years. Will there be any exceptions made? I worked prior in mental health and counseled individuals that were dual diagnosis, but not primarily SUD through an agency not licensed for drug and alcohol counseling. Does that count as experience?</p> <p>See question 22 above.</p>

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35	<p>Each treatment facility has their employees submit applications individually through the portal and then DDAP will tally information collectively per facility? Or should the treatment facility submit the application as a whole?</p> <p>Each practitioner shall create their own account and submit their information within the on-line application by the required due date.</p>
36	<p>I have LPN's at my program I saw RN's were included so I was curious why an LPN wouldn't be? Also, I have worked in the field since 2009 started as a counselor, worked as a clinical supervisor for over 5 years and have now worked my way up to director. Based on my past positions would I qualify, since a director position is not listed either?</p> <p>See questions 5 and 33 above.</p>
37	<p>One of my previous jobs is listed. Is there a way to submit a center that is not listed? I live and am licensed in PA but also licensed in NJ and worked in NJ.</p> <p>See question 1 above.</p>
38	<p>My question is, can I apply for this grant for the 3 years and 4 months that I was with Merakey as a Co-occurring Therapist?</p> <p>See question 21 above.</p>
39	<p>Do if you have to be 100% clinical (or direct service) to apply for Loan Repayment?</p> <p>See question 21 above.</p>
40	<p>I currently work in Pennsylvania, and also accrued my student debt attending universities in Pennsylvania. I plan to continue working in Pennsylvania, is there any flexibility in the residency requirement? I recently moved to New Jersey; however, I'm hoping an exception could be made.</p> <p>See question 21 above.</p>
41	<p>I noticed that it says we would need two years of experience in the field. Would internships count?</p>

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	See question 21 above. An internship shall not be considered full-time employment.
42	<p>I spent a very long time twice to apply for this SUD Loan Repayment and was approved the second time but then money ran out. Do I need to apply again? For I was told if you get more monies, I will be contacted.</p> <p>All practitioners shall be required to submit an on-line application for this specific SUD LRP.</p>
43	<p>I was wondering if Center of Excellence (COE) Care Navigators with bachelor’s degrees or masters would also be eligible. They do case management services. As well our COE Supervisors spend at least 50% of their time with clients families and complete level of care assessments and assist clients and guide staff to be linked to treatment.</p> <p>Eligible practitioners providing SUD treatment or SCA-funded case management services at a DDAP-licensed drug and alcohol treatment facilities, SCA-funded case management services at either the SCA or their contracted case management providers are considered SUD LRP - approved practice sites. These SUD LRP – approved practice sites are already established within the SUD RPR on-line application. A COE may be an SUD-LRP – approved practice site.</p> <p>See Section 6. Eligible Practitioners within the project summary for additional information.</p>
44	<p>I input my information for the SUD loan repayment, and I listed my bachelor’s and my Masters. I am currently in my PhD program and there was nowhere for me to include that information. I was wondering if you could please advise.</p> <p>The loan repayment is only for completed degree programs so any loans for currently enrolled programs will not be applicable.</p>
45	<p>Can you let me know whether this is appropriate for sites that are not licensed through DDAP but are dedicated to making sure their patients who have SUD have access to MOUD? Primary care sites are offering vivitrol and buprenorphine to patients, which offers increased access and flexibility to patients who need it.</p> <p>See question 1 above.</p>

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46	<p>I am currently under the Public Student Loan Forgiveness Program which is the not guaranteed program which would not be completed until 2028 or 2029. Does this exclude me from meeting criteria?</p> <p>Having any outstanding service obligation during any part of the SUD LRP required service commitment (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024) makes an individual ineligible for participation.</p>
47	<p>I have a BS in Criminal Justice from Liberty University in 2015. In 2006-2008 I went to The Pennsylvania State University for Criminal Justice and transferred those credits to Liberty University. Do I list both schools and if so where do does Liberty go under "Professional" and PSU under "Undergraduate?"</p> <p>The educational loans shall be obtained prior to the date of application to the SUD LRP and shall be applicable to the degree attained for qualification for the SUD LRP. Only the accredited institution of education for undergraduate, post graduate and residency programs shall be listed.</p>
48	<p>When the application asks hours worked per week in SUD treatment do I answer 37.5 (my work week) as all of my time is working on SUD treatment or is it looking for something else (i.e. licensure applications want to know how many hours you spend directly with clientele)?</p> <p>The practitioner shall list the number of hours providing SUD treatment or SCA-funded case management services at the SUD LRP-approved practice site each week.</p> <p>The practitioner may include up to eight hours each week for providing SUD treatment or SCA-funded case management services in an alternative setting (i.e. hospital, nursing home, shelters) as directed by the approved practice site or performing administrative activities as directed by the approved practice site.</p> <p>For the purposes of this SUD LRP, administrative activities are defined as clinical-related administrative, management or other activities and may include charting, training, laboratory follow-up, patient correspondence, attending staff meetings, activities related to maintaining professional licensure and other non-treatment related activities pertaining to the practitioner's SUD LRP-approved practice site(s). Any time spent in a management role is an administrative activity. The duties of a medical director or practitioners in management roles are also considered primarily administrative and SUD LRP practitioners serving in such a capacity must meet the minimum hourly requirements for providing SUD treatment or SCA-funded case management services. SUD treatment or SCA-funded case management services</p>

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	<p>provided by SUD LRP practitioners while precepting students/residents may be counted toward the hourly requirement.</p>
49	<p>I am confused as to what the application means when it says "Academic Period" for loans. Is that the total time at that school or is it per semester or is it from disbursement to graduation?</p> <p>The "Academic Period" refers to the academic year or portion of an academic year (i.e. semester or quarter) that the specific loan encompasses.</p>
50	<p>When I look at my loans, they are all Federal and still on Fed loans but there are 10 loans when broken into unsub etc. How do I list them? One on each line? Finally, when asked to upload documents all I see is that I can download a "Loan Verification Letter" or "Loan details" both are one document which lists all of my loans.</p> <p>All loans submitted require verification. For each current loan listed, be sure to scroll to the right to attach an Account Statement and a Disbursement Report. See Section 11. Reporting Requirements within the project summary for additional information.</p>
51	<p>What is "Site hours in SUD"? Is that hours per week? So, 40?</p> <p>See question 48 above.</p>
52	<p>If I have a parent plus loan that I am paying does this need to be in my name in order for it to count on the application?</p> <p>See question 10 above.</p>
53	<p>If I am doing a PSLF through fed loan that would be considered- Do you NOW have a contractual service obligation with any other entity?—correct?</p> <p>See question 3 above.</p>
54	<p>I am currently trying to apply for loan forgiveness, and I am currently in school with a projected graduation date of May 2023 - this will be for a BS in Psychology. I cannot progress through the application as it will not accept my graduation date. Can I please have some guidance on this?</p> <p>Applicants must have attained a degree within the last 15 years for which they still have current outstanding educational loan balances.</p>

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55	<p>Does the commitment need to be in my current role, or can I move roles just must be in the field of substance use, and qualify under the professions that qualified under the forgiveness?</p> <p>The practitioner shall provide full-time or half-time SUD treatment or case management services for the continuous two-year period of July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2024. These services shall be provided at the SUD LRP-approved practice site(s) identified in any potential grant agreement.</p>
56	<p>The loan that I am going to apply for is a consolidated loan with Discover Student Loans. My original loan was by Citi Bank Student Loans but was bought out by Discover Student Loans in 2012. Do I need to submit documentation from both banks or will my documentation from Discover Student Loans be sufficient? I did ask Discover Student Loans to draft me a letter today with what is needed, but I don't have that yet to verify. I do believe from what I read, Citi Bank Student Loans is no longer as they closed and sold their loans out to other companies such as mine and Sallie Mae.</p> <p>See question 24 above.</p>
57	<p>Can I apply even though I have not graduated yet?</p> <p>See question 54 above.</p>
58	<p>I am just looking for some assistance in uploading the loan statement for the grant that has been funded. Please let me know what exactly it is you're looking for or where I can obtain it.</p> <p>A loan statement has all of the details of your current loan, and you can access it on your account through the lender.</p>
59	<p>I have an extensive work history in PA in addiction treatment services, specifically in Philadelphia, over 14 years, but live in South Jersey. I am ineligible to apply for the Pennsylvania (PA) Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Loan Repayment Program (LRP)?</p> <p>To determine the practitioners funded, priority and consideration will be given to practitioners who are legal residents of Pennsylvania at the time of application.</p>
60	<p>In the past I worked at Lancaster County Children and Youth as a caseworker in the Family Support department from November 2018-April 2020 (1 year 5 months). I wasn't sure if my</p>

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	<p>experience at CYA counted towards the requirements of this program as I did work with a handful of parents who struggled with substance use disorders. I just wanted to double check before I spent the time to fill out the application.</p> <p>See question 22 above.</p>
61	<p>If loans are consolidated and someone is enrolled in the Public Student Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLF) would those loans still qualify for the SUD Loan Repayment Program?</p> <p>See question 46 above.</p>
62	<p>We have several staff that want to apply for this loan forgiveness. How do they find out what facility is an approved SUD-LRP site? How do we go about becoming an SUD-LRP site?</p> <p>See question 1 above.</p>
63	<p>When I began working here, I was a resident of PA. I completed my college education in PA. I am now a resident of WV. Does this preclude me from applying and having a chance at being awarded?</p> <p>See question 59 above. Applicants must be employed by, or have accepted a position at, an approved practice site where employment will begin by July 1, 2022</p>
64	<p>How do I get my Disbursement Report?</p> <p>This information is on your account with your loan lender.</p>
65	<p>My question is whether or not the 2 years of work experience in substance use field includes internship through master's program. I have 1.5 years at ___ as my job, however another year was also at ___ but as an internship. I was wondering if that will suffice.</p> <p>See question 22 above. An internship shall not be considered full-time employment.</p>
66	<p>I have a couple of questions about the application process that would be much easier to ask over the phone. Can I have a phone number and contact person who I can call and speak to?</p> <p>Questions can be submitted via email to RA-DAGrantsMgmt@pa.gov through Thursday, May 12, 2022 by 12:00 p.m., Eastern Time.</p>

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	<p>All questions shall include the specific section of the GIFA the practitioner is questioning.</p> <p>Questions and answers will be posted to the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) website Thursday, May 19, 2022 by 12:00 p.m., Eastern Time.</p> <p>DDAP will not accept any phone calls regarding this GIFA.</p>
67	<p>Hello, I have worked in Pennsylvania as a substance use counselor for 10 years, but I reside in New Jersey. Will I still be eligible for the loan forgiveness since I've worked in Pennsylvania all this time but live in NJ?</p> <p>See question 59 above.</p>
68	<p>I have been in my current position (CORA services drug and alcohol outpatient counseling) since July, 2021. However, I have completed work at an internship as an Intern counselor working with clients diagnosed with SUD (Intercommunity Action) for a little over a year before that, as well as for Devereux Advanced Behavior health as a resource parent support worker for about 5 years doing social work/case management for the foster care system, with experience in working with families with history of substance use. I am questioning whether any of this would qualify for the 2 years of experience needed to apply.</p> <p>See question 22 above. An internship shall not be considered full-time employment.</p>
69	<p>Are we an eligible facility? We have an ongoing contract with Blair and Cambria SCA.</p> <p>See question 1 above.</p>
70	<p>Under employment, it does not give an option for current employer. For example, I have been working with same company 8 years. Should we just list current employment in that category.</p> <p>The "Site Information" tab would be the current employer.</p>
71	<p>What gets listed under HPSA Name and ID under site info</p> <p>These areas are grayed out and no information can be submitted by the applicant.</p>

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72	<p>Under loan info, student loan provider cannot supply an account statement if you are in COVID reliable forbearance, what can be used in place of that?</p> <p>See question 29 above.</p>
73	<p>What exactly are you guys asking for under loan program name?</p> <p>See question 29 above.</p>
74	<p>is the academic period the entire degree time?</p> <p>See question 49 above.</p>
75	<p>How can someone go about getting a disbursement report?</p> <p>See question 64 above.</p>
76	<p>If I am a Counselor and hold a LPC - which eligible discipline, do I select?</p> <p>Select the discipline you are applying under. The applicant shall apply under the current, full, permanent, unencumbered, unrestricted health professional license, certificate, or registration (whichever is applicable), if one is held.</p>
77	<p>If an employee is applying as a LPC they do not need a letter from the HR department?</p> <p>Practitioners applying under the disciplines of Clinical Supervisor, Counselor, Counselor Assistant, Case Management Supervisor, and Case Manager shall submit a signed document on letterhead from the Human Resources Department of the SUD LRP-approved practice site(s). This signed document shall attest to the practitioner being an employee in one of these disciplines.</p>
78	<p>Will the organization receive notification of award recipients?</p> <p>All practitioners will receive official written notification of the status of their application from DDAP. When a practitioner is approved for an award, an SUD LRP Agreement will be prepared for signature by the practitioner and Commonwealth. All Agreements will be administered through DDAP.</p> <p>See Section 15. Awards within the project summary for more information.</p>

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79	<p>I am a clinical supervisor for a SUD program, and I was trying to figure out if there was an hour requirement for direct service for a clinical supervisor?</p> <p><i>See question 6 above.</i></p>
80	<p>How long does it take to find out if the app was approved?</p> <p><i>Award amounts and number of awards shall be dependent upon number of applications received meeting the criteria within the GIFA, amount of grant assistance being requested, and the amount of available grant assistance to be awarded. See Section 6. Eligible Practitioners within the project summary for additional information.</i></p>
81	<p>I graduated in September 2020 and was married in October 2020 and changed my name. My name on my diploma and on my student, loans is Ariel Girone, which is my maiden name. My married name is Ariel Burkhart. Will this be an issue?</p> <p><i>See question 22 above. If selected, additional information might need to be provided.</i></p>
82	<p>I was wondering if I'd be eligible for this program as I work at St. Luke's Penn Foundation. I just started in January, but prior to that I completed 3 internships at Drug and Alcohol Programs and worked 2.5 years at New Vitae Wellness and Recovery.</p> <p>If not, Will this be available moving forward?</p> <p><i>See questions 22 and 65 above. An internship shall not be considered full-time employment.</i></p>
83	<p>Is the application process in the memo meant for the facility or the individual staff to complete? Are there any steps as the facility we need to take to make this opportunity available to our staff or are we listed in the application just by the nature of being DDAP licensed?</p> <p><i>See question 1 above.</i></p>
84	<p>I am having a hard time locating a disbursement report, is that a SAR? It will not show me any of my past forms from when I was in school. I am not sure how to proceed and I want to make sure I am entering the correct information. Would an excel sheet with my transactions suffice as the disbursement report?</p>

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	<p>Account statement? Is that just a general statement of what you owe/what you are applying to be forgiven?</p> <p><i>See questions 29 and 64 above.</i></p>
85	<p>I was wondering if prior case management experience in which majority of the individuals did have a SUD, but it was not at a SCA funded location, would be able to count towards these two years?</p> <p><i>Applicants must have at least two years of full-time or four years of half-time work experience providing SUD treatment or SCA-funded case management services immediately preceding July 1, 2022.</i></p>
86	<p>Also wondering if I would be able to commit to an additional 3 years of service instead of two if possible, to apply with my one-year SCA funded service and the other employment to make me eligible to apply at this time to make the full four years of specific SCA SUD employment.</p> <p><i>See question 21 above.</i></p>
87	<p>Obtaining my Associates Degree in Human Services. I worked for Mazzitti and Sullivan doing Counseling but for the past 1 1/2 years I have worked for PRO-A on a Federal Grant from SAMHSA helping individuals with Substance Use Disorder find gainful employment and supply many resources to the individual to support their recovery. Would I be eligible to apply for the Loan Repayment Program?</p> <p><i>See question 21 above. Based on the information provided, it appears the required two years of full-time work experience providing SUD treatment or SCA-funded case management services immediately preceding July 1, 2022 has not been met.</i></p>
88	<p>I was wondering if I was able to apply for the loan repayment program as a Counselor Assistant as the requirement is to have an Associate's. I have more than enough credits for an Associate's I just did not receive that as I went for the 4-year Bachelor's and have been working the whole way through.</p> <p><i>See Section 6. Eligible Practitioners within the project summary for additional information.</i></p>

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89	<p>In the professional information section, it only provides the ability to select one discipline. I currently hold a professional counselor license (LPC) and the CCS, and CAADC certifications, while also being employed as a clinical supervisor. Since all of these areas exist at once for me, I am unclear on how to proceed with this section in particular.</p> <p>See questions 6 and 76 above.</p>
90	<p>The Service Verification document that I received from HR states my position as “Therapist” since 2014. This site uses the term “Therapist” for the same position that is listed as “Counselor” on this application. Will the fact that my site uses the term “Therapist” instead of “Counselor” in the service verification document disqualify me from this application? If so, I can reach out to my HR department and ask them to change the terminology and re-submit this Service Verification document.</p> <p>Practitioners applying under the disciplines of Clinical Supervisor, Counselor, Counselor Assistant, Case Management Supervisor, and Case Manager shall submit a signed document on letterhead from the Human Resources Department of the SUD LRP-approved practice site(s). This signed document shall attest to the practitioner being an employee in one of these disciplines. The term “Therapist” is not a recognized discipline under the SUD LRP.</p>
91	<p>If 50% of the award is distributed in July 2022, but it must be applied to the loan within 60 days, that would mean awardees would still have to make payments on the remaining 50% of their loans (from August 2022 until the next distribution in July 2023). In some cases, this could mean large parts of the award couldn't be used and somewhat defeat the purpose of the program. Could an awardee divide that initial 50% award amount into 12 parts, and pay them to their servicer monthly? This would avoid the need to make loan payments during the first year.</p> <p>This would not be an acceptable practice. The practitioner shall provide documentation verifying all grant assistance received through this SUD LRP was paid against the outstanding balances of the qualifying educational loans approved as part of the Agreement. Practitioners will provide a verification document to the SUD LRP within 60 calendar days of receipt of the SUD LRP grant assistance and clearly show the entire award was applied to the approved loans.</p>
92	<p>Can you confirm practitioners who received the last SUD-LRP (from 2019-2021) are eligible to apply (as long as they don't have outstanding/unfulfilled service requirements)? It's not listed as an exclusion.</p>

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	See question 46 above.
93	<p>If an awardee gets a 50% distribution in July 2022, and fulfills the requirements until July 2023 - can they decline the second 50% distribution of funds and end their participation with the program?</p> <p>Any grant assistance to a practitioner to repay any portion of their outstanding qualified educational loans is in exchange for a 2-year service commitment. This 2-year service commitment will be from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024. During this time the practitioner shall continue to provide SUD treatment or SCA-funded case management services at an SUD LRP-approved practice site.</p>
94	<p>Are Centers of Excellence sites considered eligible? This is a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania designation for excellence in addiction care, including PA's largest provider of MAT.</p> <p>See question 43 above.</p>
95	<p>I worked within SCI Pittsburgh for almost 2.5 years. Where I worked with Inmates in the drug and alcohol treatment program (I was contract or it would be considered DATS) However, with that contract at the Prison I worked for Gaudenzia. I worked with that company over a year then the company switched to CEC. What I am asking is, the Gaudenzia that is on my paychecks is the main head corporate office. It does not show up on the list of places. I am not sure what to pick. I did work for Gaudenzia, I still have all my paychecks to prove that I did work there. But then their contract ended I believe in 2016. I don't want to miss out on this opportunity.</p> <p>See question 21 above. Based on the information provided, it appears the required two years of full-time work experience providing SUD treatment or SCA-funded case management services immediately preceding July 1, 2022 has not been met.</p>