

**Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Loan Repayment Program (LRP)
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1	<p>I reached out to my previous employer for a letter verifying employment and was informed they utilize a system called Work Number for this and that they do not provide letters. Is it acceptable to submit this in lieu of the letter verifying employment or how should I proceed?</p> <p>Eligible Practitioners are listed out within Section 6 of the GIFA 24-01 Program Overview. Review Section 6(g) and 6(h) regarding any potential letters from Human Resources Departments. The documents submitted must include all of the required components outlined within the Program Overview.</p>
2	<p>Pg 2 (Evaluation of Applications) indicates that priority and consideration will be given to eligible practitioners in specific listed counties. Are practitioners in counties that are NOT listed eligible to apply for and receive these funds?</p> <p>Yes, a practitioner from any county within the Commonwealth may apply.</p>
3	<p>I work for Spring-Ford Counseling Services – Outpatient Mental Health and licensed Substance Abuse Outpatient agency. I have several fee for service contractors who work for us – they see dual diagnosis clients.</p> <p>Would they be eligible to apply for this Loan Forgiveness?</p> <p>DDAP-licensed drug and alcohol treatment facilities, SCA-funded case management services, SCA-funded prevention or SCA-funded recovery support services at either the SCA or their contracted providers for these services are considered SUD LRP - approved practice sites. These SUD LRP – approved practice sites are already established within the SUD RPR on-line application.</p> <p>Eligible Practitioners are listed out within Section 6 of the GIFA 24-01 Program Overview.</p>
4	<p>Is Blair County excluded from this grant?</p> <p>No, a practitioner from any county within the Commonwealth may apply.</p>
5	<p>Can a practitioner participate if they were awarded an SUD LRP grant in the past? My current service agreement ends in June 2024.</p> <p>GIFA 22-02 SUD LRP Grantees are not eligible to apply under this funding opportunity.</p>

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6	<p>I had applied in the past and was approved, in 2022 I believe, though I ended up not receiving any of the loan forgiveness payments. The website is saying "You are ineligible to apply for the current DDAP Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Loan Repayment Program (LRP) as you have been an award recipient in the past."</p> <p>I wanted to reach out and see if I am still ineligible despite not receiving the money from 2022</p> <p><i>See question 5 above.</i></p>
7	<p>I also noticed that my DDAP Licensed Recovery Home facility is not included in the list of approved sites for this loan repayment program. Please advise.</p> <p><i>DDAP-licensed drug and alcohol treatment facilities, SCA-funded case management services, SCA-funded prevention or SCA-funded recovery support services at either the SCA or their contracted providers for these services are considered SUD LRP - approved practice sites. These SUD LRP – approved practice sites are already established within the SUD RPR on-line application.</i></p> <p><i>DDAP Licensed Recovery Homes are not considered an approved practice site under this funding opportunity.</i></p>
8	<p>I am seeking information on whether I can apply for the new DDAP SUD forgiveness loan repayment if I had been accepted in the last award year.</p> <p><i>See question 5 above.</i></p>
9	<p>Would you please be able to clarify if PA Centers of Excellence qualify for this loan forgiveness program as we have staff trying to apply but The Wright Center for Community Health is not in the drop down on the application.</p> <p><i>DDAP-licensed drug and alcohol treatment facilities, SCA-funded case management services, SCA-funded prevention or SCA-funded recovery support services at either the SCA or their contracted providers for these services are considered SUD LRP - approved practice sites. These SUD LRP – approved practice sites are already established within the SUD RPR on-line application.</i></p>
10	<p>I currently work in a substance abuse treatment facility, but I work in a different role other than drug and alcohol treatment. I currently work as a case manager for the Homeless</p>

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	<p>Assistance Program and Representative Payee. Would I qualify to apply for the SUD student loan repayment program to help with the school loans I have started receiving or do I have to wait until I have graduated with a degree?</p> <p>Eligible Loan Expenses are listed out within Section 9 of the GIFA 24-01 Program Overview. 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.</p>
11	<p>What if I am currently still a student and haven't had to pay on any of my loans yet? Can I still apply or should I wait?</p> <p>See question 10 above.</p>
12	<p>My agency is not listed and wondering if we qualify. We are not a licensed DDAP facility nor are we funded by the SCA; however, our funding comes from DDAP. Any guidance would be appreciated.</p> <p>DDAP-licensed drug and alcohol treatment facilities, SCA-funded case management services, SCA-funded prevention or SCA-funded recovery support services at either the SCA or their contracted providers for these services are considered SUD LRP - approved practice sites. These SUD LRP – approved practice sites are already established within the SUD RPR on-line application.</p>
13	<p>That final section "site hours in SUD treatment" in Prior Employment experience, what does that mean?</p> <p>The number of hours worked per week at the prior employment location.</p>
14	<p>I am currently enrolled in the Star loan repayment program for about half of my student loans. I have another half of student loans that are not enrolled in any program. I wanted to know if I would I be eligible for the substance use disorder loan repayment program for the loans that are not involved with the Star loan repayment program.</p> <p>Ineligible Factors are listed out within Section 7 of the GIFA 24-01 Program Overview Having any outstanding service obligation during any part of the service commitment period is an ineligible factor.</p>

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15	<p>Currently I work at an SCA facility as a counselor and have some student debt, but I am also pursuing a master’s degree. I can apply for this repayment program, but I will accrue more debt next year to finish my degree (have 3 semesters left). My question is that can I apply for it and use it for the future debt or is it just for the debt I have as of right now?</p> <p>See question 10 above.</p>
16	<p>Under the section where it says “Service Verification” I am unclear as to what documentation my HR department should provide. Is there a letter than can be printed and signed by them or a website that states what is needed on the letter if there isn’t a form for them to fill out?</p> <p>Eligible Practitioners are listed out within Section 6 of the GIFA 24-01 Program Overview. Review Section 6(g) and 6(h) regarding any potential letters from Human Resources Departments.</p>
17	<p>I am currently working as a prevention team member funded through DDAP funding for a local agency and was forwarded the information regarding loan reimbursement. I will be graduating in June, 2024. Am I able to apply for the loan reimbursement or do I need to have graduated prior to March 1, 2024?</p> <p>See question 10 above.</p>
18	<p>I have an unsubsidized and subsidized loan from the same account through PHEAA which I pay through AES. Under the lender program name should I list both on the same line as they both have the same account number, which the information you provided suggests?</p> <p>If you receive the statement for each loan on the same document, then you can list them on the same line. If the statements/information are provided to you on two different documents, please put them on separate lines.</p>
19	<p>Is there anything specific for the HR department to include in their letter other than my start date and continuation of working as a SUD counselor who is funded in part by the SCA?</p> <p>See question 16 above.</p>
20	<p>Regarding the Employment Verification Form: 1. Will you use the same form this year?</p>

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	<p>2. If so, can I get a blank version to complete for each of my staff who apply, or do I wait until you send me a request?</p> <p>The requirements for the Service Verification Form on the application are as follows: A signed document on letterhead from the HR department that attests to the practitioner being an employee in the disciplines of Clinical Supervisor, Counselor Assistant, Case Management Supervisor, Case Manager, Prevention Specialist/Manager, or Administrative Staff. If applying under the discipline of Administrative Staff, you must also submit a signed document on letterhead from the HR department of the SUD LRP-approved practice site where you have claimed prior employment within an eligible discipline. This signed document shall attest to the specific SUD LRP-approved practice site, specific time period, and the specific eligible discipline.</p> <p>The Service Verification Form on the application is different from the Pre-Payment Service Verification form that will be sent to selected practitioners once the application period has closed.</p> <p>Selected practitioners will be contacted, and any Service Verification Form will be sent once the application period has closed.</p>
21	<p>I am writing to verify if UPMC Internal Medicine- Recovery Engagement Program qualifies for your Loan Repayment Program prior to dispersing it to my staff. We are not a licensed Drug and Alcohol provider; however, we are a primary care office that provides case management services. We are a center of excellence. Does my staff qualify for this application?</p> <p>DDAP-licensed drug and alcohol treatment facilities, SCA-funded case management services, SCA-funded prevention or SCA-funded recovery support services at either the SCA or their contracted providers for these services are considered SUD LRP - approved practice sites. These SUD LRP – approved practice sites are already established within the SUD RPR on-line application.</p>
22	<p>Does Academic Period refer to when the loan was disbursed? What does the Loan Program name mean?</p> <p>The Academic Period refers to the academic year or portion of an academic year that the loan was requested for. The Loan Program name refers to the type of student loan (i.e. Stafford Loans or Federal Student Loans)</p>

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23	<p>I am actively working to finish my master's degree with a graduation date of 5/3/24. When filling out the education portion of the application I am only able to record my bachelor's degree as it states that 5/3/24 is not a valid date. I am unable to include my graduate degree as the application is due March 1st, 2024. I was wondering if the grant were awarded if it could be used toward student loans for the master's degree even if I am unable to include on the application as it will be completed in 2 months following the submission of the application.</p> <p>See question 10 above.</p>
24	<p>Is this program available now and is it offering a grant to workers involved in this type of work? My son is a Case Manager and is working towards his PSLF which is a loan forgiveness program. Would this affect the PSLF in any way?</p> <p>See question 14 above.</p>
25	<p>I am an Assistant Executive Director working in the SUD field. As part of my position, I provide direct counseling as a CAADC as well as supervise our CRS and case management staff. I also provide clinical trainings for all clinical/ counseling staff for Pinnacle Treatment Centers in my region. I am curious if I would be eligible for the SUD repayment program as an administrative staff.</p> <p>Eligible Practitioners are listed out within Section 6 of the GIFA 24-01 Program Overview. Review Section 6(g) and 6(h) regarding any potential letters from Human Resources Departments.</p>
26	<p>Are professionals who work in Blair County still able to apply, or will their application be disregarded?</p> <p>See question 4 above.</p>
27	<p>I do not necessarily have the 6-month previous experience. However, I do work with substance use disorder clients at a community treatment center. I will be serving these clients for years to come. Can I still complete the application for consideration?</p> <p>Applicants must have at least six months of full-time or twelve months of half-time work experience providing SUD treatment, SCA-funded prevention, SCA-funded case</p>

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	management and/or SCA-funded recovery support services immediately preceding July 1, 2024.
28	<p>There are several FQHCs that are Centers of Excellence. However, they are not included in the drop-down box when the attempt to complete the application. Is this an oversight? Any guidance / clarification would be appreciated.</p> <p>See question 12 above.</p>
29	<p>I realized all of the loan information is in my maiden name. I was wondering if this will be an issue when applying for the forgiveness program?</p> <p>If selected, additional information might need to be provided.</p>
30	<p>Can you send me a form for my HR department to fill out? There is no form on the application to provide to HR.</p> <p>Eligible Practitioners are listed out within Section 6 of the GIFA 24-01 Program Overview. Review Section 6(g) and 6(h) regarding any potential letters from Human Resources Departments. There is not a specific form to be filled out.</p>
31	<p>I am emailing to inquire about the eligibility requirements for this program. Under “evaluation of applications” is states that priority will be given to those employed at an SUD-LRP site within designated counties. Should practitioners employed in a county that is not listed in this section apply or is consideration limited to those in the counties listed?</p> <p>See question 4 above.</p>
32	<p>I currently work as a travel/agency Registered nurse but if I’m eligible to for the loan forgiveness program I’d happily sign on as a staff member. My contract officially ends on 3/21 and I could immediately transfer as a full-time contractor to full time Eagleville staff. Would completion of the application this week and a 3/21/2024 official start date allow me to be eligible for the loan forgiveness program or would I have to be on Eagleville’s staff prior to March 1st?</p> <p>Within the Evaluation of Applications section of the Program Overview it states, “ Have been employed by or have accepted a position at, a SUD LRP-approved practice site where employment will begin by July 1, 2024.”</p>

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33	<p>My current and previous employer are both asking if there is a populated letter that would suffice for the “Service Verification Letter”? Not sure if this could just be a generic letter that they type of themselves? They want to be sure that all necessary information is outlined and sufficiently answered. Please advise!</p> <p>See question 20 above.</p>
34	<p>How much experience providing SUD treatment needs to be shown to apply?</p> <p>Eligibility requirements are listed out within Section 6 of the GIFA 24-01 Program Overview.</p> <p>6(c) states, “Have at least six months of full-time or twelve months of half-time work experience providing SUD treatment, SCA-funded prevention, SCA-funded case management, and/or SCA-funded recovery support services immediately preceding July 1, 2024.”</p>
35	<p>For the service verification portion, is that needed from previous employers to show proof of experience? Or would it be for the current site where I would be providing SUD treatment going forward? I just started at my current site earlier this month, so I would not be showing much experience there yet.</p> <p>6(c) states, “Have at least six months of full-time or twelve months of half-time work experience providing SUD treatment, SCA-funded prevention, SCA-funded case management, and/or SCA-funded recovery support services immediately preceding July 1, 2024.”</p> <p>The practitioner would need to demonstrate the required experience from either employer or both.</p>
36	<p>I am realizing I made an error in my application - is there a way for me to correct it?</p> <p>Please contact RA-SUDLRP@pa.gov with any changes you would like made and we will proceed accordingly.</p>

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37	<p>Currently, our HR point person doesn't provide documents for these matters as a website is used for employees to obtain specific documents. I used the provided website given to me and was able to attain an immigration letter from my employer which states my hire date and title (please see attachment). The document was sent digitally so there is not a hard signature from a specific individual working in the human resources department.</p> <p>I would like to know will this document be sufficient for the application. I want to double check before moving on to the next sections.</p> <p>See question 1 above.</p>
38	<p>I realized that my loans are in my maiden name. Will this be an issue when applying for the loan program?</p> <p>See question 29 above.</p>
39	<p>I am a nurse, not a nurse practitioner. I am a director of nursing for a mental health organization that also provides substance use treatment.</p> <p>Do I qualify to apply?</p> <p>See Section 6. Eligible Practitioners, Eligible Disciplines of the Program Overview for all Certification and Licensure Requirements.</p> <p>See question 12 above.</p>
40	<p>There are questions about the board certification, and I was wondering if that is okay to leave blank as I do not have that information. The application allows me to proceed, but I just wanted to double check, if possible.</p> <p>See Section 6. Eligible Practitioners, Eligible Disciplines of the Program Overview for all Certification and Licensure Requirements. If your discipline does not require a license or certification number, you can leave that section blank.</p>
41	<p>While completing my application, I navigated from the professional information tab by clicking 'next' without uploading a service verification letter. I am unable to edit the information I entered. Is there a way I could be assisted? I did provide my professional counselor license number.</p>

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	See question 36 above.
42	<p>I am a newer PMHNP, so I do not necessarily have the 6-month previous experience. However, I do work with substance use disorder clients at a community treatment center. I will be serving these clients for years to come. Can I still complete the application for consideration?</p> <p>See question 34 above.</p>
43	<p>How would I know if the organization I work for is an approved practice site?</p> <p>See question 12 above.</p>
44	<p>I am trying to fill out the DDAP SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER LOAN REPAYMENT application and it is asking for a document signed by HR verifying I am a SUD treatment provider, however there is no form on the application to provide to our HR department. Would you be able to email me the service verification form I can send to my HR department to fill out verifying my service?</p> <p>See question 20 above. See question 30 above.</p>
45	<p>I was injured at my previous employer and departed. Once I am able to work again, I will be returning to the field. I currently hold a MSW and plan on sitting for my LSW soon. I worked for my previous employer for 4 and a half years as an addiction assessment specialist/counselor. I also worked as a service coordinator for two and a half years prior to that position at another facility. It is difficult reaching the HR department to get a verification letter to proceed with the application. Would there be another way to verify this information?</p> <p>See question 30 above.</p>
46	<p>On the Previous Employment Page I only listed my current employer. Is that correct? Or should I not put my current employer here? I have no other employment to list. I have been with the same company for 6 years.</p> <p>Yes, that would be correct.</p>

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47	<p>On the Previous Employment where it says Site Hours in SUD treatment is that hours per week or total hours since start of employment? Or is this the total number of hours a week the facility provides treatment?</p> <p>See question 13 above.</p>
48	<p>Under professional information on applications, under Service Verification. I am a nurse practitioner so I do not need this letter from employer, correct?</p> <p>See question 20 above.</p>
49	<p>For the Academic Period, does that consist of the start date of the undergraduate program to the end of the graduate program?</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Loan Program Name, I make payments through the site called Aidvantage and the loans listed are called Subsidized and Unsubsidized.</p> <p>Lender- Would this be the U.S Department of Education?</p> <p>The Loan Program name refers to the type of student loan (i.e. Stafford Loans or Federal Student Loans) and the Lender refers to the company that oversees your loans (in this case it would be Aidvantage).</p> <p>Account Statement- Is this the history of my payments on the account or do I have to print out the information of each loan? I allocate all the loans for the payment.</p> <p>The account statement is the official bank statement with details of your current loan. The document must include your name, dates of when the loan was acquired, and current balance including the interest.</p>
50	<p>Will LPNs not be considered for loan forgiveness ?</p> <p>Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) is not listed as an eligible discipline for this funding opportunity. See Section 6. Eligible Practitioners within the Program Overview for additional information.</p>

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	<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>
51	<p>I have a question within the professional information tab. It states "Staff must submit a signed document from the SUD LRP-approved facilities Human Resources Department. This signed document shall attest to the practitioner being a SUD treatment provider in one of these disciplines." Would you be able to point me in the correct direction to obtain this document?</p> <p>See question 20 above.</p>
52	<p>Does the student loan repayment apply to LPNs</p> <p>See question 50 above.</p>
53	<p>Is it possible to make corrections after already submitting, or am I able to re-submit a revised application if need be?</p> <p>See question 36 above.</p>
54	<p>Does this cover private loans?</p> <p>See Section 9. Eligible Loan Expenses and Section 10 Ineligible Loan Expenses of the Program Overview for information regarding eligible and ineligible loans.</p>
55	<p>I have worked at three sites since 2020 that are all DDAP sites. Do I need employee verification letters from past employers? I have been at my current site for over six months, and this would be where I would continue to work if approved.</p> <p>See question 20 above.</p>
56	<p>I have two masters degrees. My first masters in recreational therapy allowed me to work at Merakey Parkside and become a CAADC, but did not allow for me to become licensed, so I got another masters in clinical counseling psychology and am working towards licensure. Should I apply as a CAADC or as a counselor, and does this affect whether all of my loans will be considered or not?</p>

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	<p>Applying under your CAADC would negate you needing to obtain letters from your Human Resources Department.</p>
57	<p>Lastly, when entering loan information; all of my loans were through Department of Education, and I am paying through Aidvantage. All are Federal and Direct loans. Is the Loan Program Name: Federal/Direct, and the Lender: Aidvantage? Or is the Lender Department of Education?</p> <p>See question 49 above.</p>
58	<p>When I graduated in 2015, my degree is from Clarion University of Pennsylvania. However, my university has combined with others in the western part of the state and has now changed its name to Penn West Clarion. Which college name should I use for my application?</p> <p>The name of the college or university which is listed on the degree should be listed.</p>
59	<p>I was reading over the “agreement” and seen that federally the loan amount does not need to be taxed for certain states – was wondering if Pennsylvania was one of them. However, at a state level it may be. That being said – is there any way you could have the loan taxed prior to it being given? Or can an amount be saved from the loan for tax purposes? (Also read that the full amount needed to be put towards loan) Or just if that amount needs to be taxed at a state level.</p> <p>The funding will not be taxed prior to be distributed to the Grantee. The plan is to code these funds as non-taxable to the Grantee.</p> <p>See Section 4. Taxability of the Program Overview for additional information and reach out to a tax professional for any further questions/concerns.</p>
60	<p>Is Crossroads Treatment Centers an eligible site? (5601 Stanton Ave, Pittsburgh PA 15206; as well as other sites). It is a PA Center of Excellence for treating opioid addiction.</p> <p>Similarly, is UPMC Western Psychiatric Center for Psychiatric and Chemical Dependency Services (CPCDS) eligible? (3501 Forbes Ave, Pittsburgh PA 15213).</p> <p>See question 3 above.</p>

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61	<p>I would like to receive information about how to retrieve my loan account and lenders information.</p> <p>This information can be found on your account with your loan lender.</p>
62	<p>My primary employer is Penn State Health but I also work at Horizon Behavioral Health in Everett every Tuesday and Thursday evening for 4-5 hours per week, and at Cove Forge about 1 weekend per month for about 10 hours.</p> <p>Can I still apply?</p> <p>I see several other hospitals listed (UPMC, Wellspan, etc.) but not Hershey Medical Center</p> <p>See Section 8. Application Requirements of the Program Overview for information regarding full-time service commitment and part-time service commitment.</p> <p>DDAP-licensed drug and alcohol treatment facilities, SCA-funded case management services, SCA-funded prevention or SCA-funded recovery support services at either the SCA or their contracted providers for these services are considered SUD LRP - approved practice sites. These SUD LRP – approved practice sites are already established within the SUD RPR on-line application.</p>
63	<p>In order to qualify for the program, do you have to have completed your degree? I am currently enrolled in school and working on my degree.</p> <p>Applicants must have a certificate from an accredited institution of education for undergraduate, postgraduate, and residency programs</p>
64	<p>I have a chiropractor that is employed with or SUD treatment facility. Are they eligible to apply for this? I did not see this included in section 6. Thank you.</p> <p>See Section 6. Eligible Practitioners, Eligible Disciplines of the Program Overview for all Certification and Licensure Requirements.</p>
65	<p>Is there a timeline for how long it will take applications to be reviewed?</p> <p>The timeline will depend on the number of applications submitted.</p>

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66	<p>I would like to know the process to fill out an application for SUD loan repayment program please. I work full time.</p> <p>The Application Guidance can be found at this link: PA DDAP Grant Application Home</p>
67	<p>Does a person have to reside in PA Pennsylvania to qualify for the college loan reimbursement?</p> <p>Applicants must be employed at an SUD LRP-approved practice site(s) and all of the sites are located in Pennsylvania.</p>
68	<p>We are funded by SCA and are interested in applying for a grant. However, when I tried to select Temple Inc. as our facility in the dropdown box, I found that it was not listed as one of the qualifying options. Can you please let me know if there is any additional information needed to add Temple Inc. to the list of eligible facilities?</p> <p>This site is listed as TUHC Inc. in the application portal.</p>
69	<p>Please let me know if the Substance Use Disorder Loan Repayment Program can be used for parent plus loans.</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 Program Overview for additional information.</p>
70	<p>I'm a registered nurse and work for Friends Hospital, but I can't find the name of Friends Hospital on the list of sites listed on the website. I see Belmont behavioral and UHS Fairmount which are part of UHS like Friends Hospital. I'm just wondering if there is a mistake or not. Also, my husband worked as a case manager for the department of human services CYs for 5 years and currently work as a counselor for Malvern community health services. Is he eligible also?</p> <p>DDAP-licensed drug and alcohol treatment facilities, SCA-funded case management services, SCA-funded prevention or SCA-funded recovery support services at either the SCA or their contracted providers for these services are considered SUD LRP - approved practice sites. These SUD LRP – approved practice sites are already established within the SUD RPR on-line application.</p>

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71	<p>I have not begun making payments on my student loan debt. My loan repayment does not begin until June 2024. The last section of the application asks for my loan information, and statements, etc. I am unsure how to complete this section of the application due to not having made any payments towards my student loans yet. Can anyone further assist me with this matter?</p> <p>Reaching out to your student loan lender would be an option to gather the required information.</p>
72	<p>Regarding the prior employment experience part of the application for the substance use disorder loan repayment program, we don't list our current employment, correct? I want to make sure I'm ready it correctly, that it means to just list prior employments if we don't have 6 months full time.</p> <p>If you have been employed at your current SUD LRP-approved practice site to have sufficient previous employment experience, type "None" in the notes box at the bottom of the page.</p>
73	<p>Under the "previous employment" section of application, I have worked in the same place for 20 years and I am still there. What would I put as the "end date"?</p> <p>See question 72 above.</p>
74	<p>For the professional education part of the application- do I put Alvernia for there and my undergrad because that is where i obtained my degree to use in my field?</p> <p>Professional education refers to the school attended where education required specifically for licensure in the eligible discipline was obtained, if applicable.</p>
75	<p>I have no idea what you want for a disbursement report from Aidvantage. there is no disbursement report anywhere online for me to upload.</p> <p>The disbursement report is used to verify the originating loan information and shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be on official letterhead or other clear verification showing it comes from the lender/holder; • Include the name of the borrower; • Contain the account number;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include the type of loan; • Include the original loan date; • Include the original loan amount; and • Include the purpose of the loan. <p>For practitioners with Federal loans, a National Student Loan Data System Aid Summary Report may be uploaded and will satisfy the requirement for the Disbursement Report.</p> <p>Please reach out to your loan lender regarding questions on how to access this report.</p>
76	<p>What is an approved commercial student lender? I consolidated my student loans into a home equity loan with my bank, would that be considered to be an approved lender?</p> <p>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> <p>A student loan consolidated with a home equity loan is not eligible and will not be considered for repayment.</p>
77	<p>I served in AmeriCorps in from 2016-2017. During my time of service, AmeriCorps paid for the interest accumulated on my loans. I completed my service term and was eligible for the Segal award; however, I did not accept or request any portion of the award. Should I list AmeriCorps under the "service obligation" section?</p> <p>The time serviced with AmeriCorps can be listed as a successfully completed contractual service obligation with the complete date being in 2017.</p>
78	<p>"Loan program name" section- Do I write "direct unsub and subsidized?" What should be listed in the loan program name section?</p> <p>See question 49 above.</p>
79	<p>I requested a disbursement report from my institution; however, I was informed that they would be unable to provide a specific document with that information. The account</p>

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	<p>statement from my institution has the disbursement information. If that is not sufficient, I am able to attach several screen shots with the disbursement information for each loan. Would the account statement containing the disbursement information or screen shots be accepted in place of an official disbursement report?</p> <p><i>See question 74 above.</i></p>
80	<p>Can you please let me know what you want for a disbursement report for the substance use disorder repayment app? I have a federal loan. I can't even save and upload any kind of summary report? It only lets me print stuff. I don't know what the application wants as Aidvantage doesn't have that kind of document to upload?</p> <p><i>See question 74 above.</i></p>
81	<p>I need assistance as to how to get my disbursement report for the student aid repayment grant. I called my loan servicer (NELNET) and they said to go to studentaid.gov and it is the master promissory note, but when i looked at it, doesn't seem the same as a disbursement report. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.</p> <p><i>See question 74 above.</i></p>
82	<p>I do not know what to attached in the last loan document page of the application I do not have those PDF's so I cannot submit my application.</p> <p><i>See question 74 above.</i></p>
83	<p>Do I need to complete application again if I completed it in the past.</p> <p><i>Yes.</i></p>
84	<p>Would DDAP consider Utilization Review Specialists as Case Managers or as Administrative Staff? I know DDAPs training requirements for Utilization Review are consistent with Case Management, however, I am unsure for this particular application how to characterize my role.</p> <p><i>If the Utilization Review is working directly with patients to ensure they're getting the correct level of treatment services, it's considered Case Management. However, if the</i></p>

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	Utilization Review is more looking at files and not working directly with patients/individuals, it would be administrative.
85	<p>I am a full-time employee, working 40 hours/week – however, my client facing hours are very minimal and I do not provide direct care. I am unsure how to answer the question regarding hours of SUD treatment.</p> <p>See Section 8. Application Requirements of the Program Overview for information regarding full-time service commitment and part-time service commitment. Also, depending on the eligible discipline the practitioner is applying for will determine the minimum hours each week, if applicable. See Section 8(c) for additional details.</p>
86	<p>I am currently the clinical supervisor/executive director for Waynesboro OP, however the 1.7 years of experience come from a previous job. I am just wondering if I obtain the signed document from my current employer or previous and what this signed document needs to entail.</p> <p>See question 30 above.</p>
87	<p>Which category would Regional Recovery Hub staff fit under to qualify? Is it the Prevention Manager?</p> <p>Regional Recovery Hub staff should not be providing direct services to clients which would make them ineligible to apply.</p>
88	<p>The HR department at my workplace is currently unsure about the appropriate method for submitting this documentation and whether there might be a specific form available for this purpose. Could you provide guidance on how we should proceed with submitting the verification letter? Additionally, if there is a specific form or template that HR should utilize that would be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>See question 20 above. See question 30 above.</p>
89	<p>I have one question in regard to my eligibility to apply for this grant. I have been employed full time as a physician assistant for almost 2 years at a DDAP approved Opioid Treatment Center.</p>

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	<p>However, it is located in Northumberland county, which I do not see listed as a SUD LRP-approved practice site. Does this disqualify my application?</p> <p><i>See question 4 above.</i> <i>See question 12 above.</i></p>
90	<p>Hello, grant information was forwarded to me from PRO-A regarding student loans. I began the process of working on a recovery house 7/7/23. I was able to track the beginning of the project with my email correspondence. Will I qualify for the new student loan repayment? It has been a full-time project with all the resources we provide. I am there almost every weekday. I do not have a director for the application. I do work with Pro-A CRS staff though and have someone employed within the company as resource coordinator. I was hoping to put him on the application. I am an RN and have used my administration background, legal nurse consulting background and of course clinical background in the process.</p> <p><i>See question 3 above.</i></p>
91	<p>As a Clinical Coordinator at an approved SUD treatment facility, I am wondering whether there is a position title under which I can apply. Can I apply either under the position title of Clinical Supervisor, or Administrative Staff? (And if not, is there any other title I can apply under?)</p> <p><i>Depending on the specific job duties would determine if you should apply under Clinical Supervisor or Administrative staff. If job duties are overseeing staff providing direct services, then that would be a clinical supervisor role. If your clinical coordinator role serves as another function then it could fall into Administrative staff.</i></p> <p><i>See question 30 above.</i></p>
92	<p>Are LPN's eligible? The instructions state Nursing but I only see RN on the application.</p> <p><i>See question 50 above.</i></p>
93	<p>I only submitted my current 1-year employment. Prior to this, I had 3 years counselor experience. Can I submit it for the grant consideration?</p> <p><i>See question 27 above.</i></p>

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	See question 34 above.
94	<p>Previous employment section: This does not need to be completed if I am currently employed at an approved SUD site for the required amount of time, correct?</p> <p>See question 72 above.</p>
95	<p>In regard to pregnant patients. We do have a few pregnant patients who receive methadone or suboxone maintenance, but we do not provide pre-natal care per se. So the answer to that question is No, correct?</p> <p>Correct.</p>
96	<p>I have a consolidated student loan through MEFA, this was to refinance a Sallie Mae Student Loan. What documentation should I include to show that this was a qualified student loan? Would a paid in full letter along with final statements for each account be sufficient? And do you also need the loan origination statement from Sallie Mae as well?</p> <p>See question 75 above. Loans that have already been paid off are not eligible for the SUD LRP, so a paid in full letter will not be necessary.</p> <p>Also, my name has changed due to divorce and re-marriage since the issuance of these loans, do I need to provide documentation of the name changes?</p> <p>See question 29 above.</p>
97	<p>I will have 3 separate letters for each place of employment. It does not allow uploading more than one letter, can I combine all letters into one document to attach?</p> <p>Yes. Please combine all verification letters into one document.</p>
98	<p>Under the employment section it asks for hours in SUD treatment. Does this include case management and prevention services or is this only asking for hours in a licensed treatment facility?</p> <p>See question 13 above.</p>

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99	<p>I was wondering if PACDAA (Pennsylvania Association of County Drug and Alcohol Administrators) could be added to the drop down for the site commitment.</p> <p>I previously worked for an SCA and then took a position with PACDAA who serves all 47 SCAs.</p> <p>See question 12 above.</p>
100	<p>Is this program only for practitioners or also for nurses ?</p> <p>See question 39 above.</p>
101	<p>I worked as a Behavioral Health Technician for 2.5 years providing direct client care for SUD before transferring to an administrative role with the same company at the start of the year. Am I eligible for this program?</p> <p>Eligible Practitioners are listed out within Section 6 of the GIFA 24-01 Program Overview. Review Section 6(g) and 6(h) regarding any potential letters from Human Resources Departments. Also, review section 6(x) regarding Administrative Staff.</p> <p>See question 30 above.</p>
102	<p>What will be the date for the decision of who is selected?</p> <p>See question 65 above.</p>
103	<p>In the "Time Commitment" section it states, "The practitioners excluded from this minimum hours each week component are as follows: Certified Clinical Supervisor, Certified Recovery Specialist Supervisor, Clinical Supervisor, Case Management Supervisor, Prevention Manager and Administrative Staff."-- are these positions still eligible to apply?</p> <p>Yes. Eligible Practitioners are listed out within Section 6 of the GIFA 24-01 Program Overview.</p>
104	<p>If you have applied in the past but did not receive it, are you able to apply again?</p> <p>See question 5 above.</p>

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105	<p>Are Program Directors eligible to apply?</p> <p>See question 25 above.</p>
106	<p>Are LPN's eligible to apply?</p> <p>See question 50 above.</p>
107	<p>If you have previously applied for and been awarded/completed SUDLRP in the past, are you able to apply again?</p> <p>See question 5 above.</p>
108	<p>I wanted to know if one of our employees (for example a Therapist or a CRNP) can apply for this grant,” Grant Initiative Funding Application: Pennsylvania (PA) Substance Use Disorder (SUD)-GIFA Number: 24-01” or does an organization apply on behalf of each eligible employee?</p> <p>The practitioner would need to apply.</p>
109	<p>I did some counting, and it appears approved practice sites in 40 countries are eligible for this grant. Why are the practice sites in the counties not listed not eligible for grants?</p> <p>See question 4 above.</p>
110	<p>I received SUD grant funding for student loan repayment during the 2022 program. Would I be able to apply for this new SUD loan repayment program since I still have a large amount of student loan debt, or am I unable to apply since I already received funding previously?</p> <p>See question 5 above.</p>
111	<p>I am a BHT at Silver mist which is a Pyramid treatment center and I am a Behavioral Health Technician. Would I be eligible for this loan repayment assistance?</p> <p>Eligible Practitioners are listed out within Section 6 of the GIFA 24-01 Program Overview.</p>
112	<p>I am in the process of completing my application for the substance use disorder workers with student loan debt application. I have a question within the professional information tab. It</p>

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	<p>states "Staff must submit a signed document from the SUD LRP-approved facilities Human Resources Department. This signed document shall attest to the practitioner being a SUD treatment provider in one of these disciplines." Would you be able to point me in the correct direction to obtain this document?</p> <p><i>See question 20 above.</i></p>
113	<p>Are parent-plus loans for education, that have been refinanced into the student's name, qualify for the SUD Student Loan Repayment Program?</p> <p><i>See question 69 above.</i></p>
114	<p>My supervisor would like to know what the process is for reaching out to him about my employment. I'm a physician assistant. What questions will he be asked and is there any documentation he needs to fill out or provide?</p> <p><i>See question 20 above.</i></p>
115	<p>I'm a physician assistant in SUD treatment and will have 5 months and 3 weeks of experience by July 1st. However, I'll have over 6 months' worth of hours logged due to working over forty hours a week. Do I qualify for this forgiveness program?</p> <p><i>See question 27 above.</i></p>
116	<p>As the Fayette County SCA I am asking the question, What in the process of this program do we as the SCA need to do or supply? I know our staff need to provide all the necessary information, but what is the role of the SCA and the action items we need to do?</p> <p><i>The SCA might have to verify their employment and hours worked if a staff member is selected for the SUD LRP.</i></p>
117	<p>Does this opportunity allow applicants to apply for their spouses' loans? Because of my husband's support, I am able to continue working in this position and field of SUD/Prevention.</p> <p><i>See question 69 above.</i></p>