



State of South Carolina  
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## Student Loan Repayment Program for Physicians

**REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS: South Carolina Geriatric Loan Forgiveness Program (SCGLFP)**

A state program to reimburse student loan payments of a physician licensed or certified to practice in South Carolina, who has completed a fellowship training program in geriatrics or geropsychiatry accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, is accepted into the SCGLFP, and who contracts with the South Carolina Office on Aging and agrees to:

- Open and maintain a practice in the field of Geriatric Medicine or Geriatric Psychiatry in South Carolina, for no fewer than five consecutive years, immediately following completion of his or her fellowship;
- Become Board Certified in the field of Geriatric Medicine or Geriatric Psychiatry;
- Accept Medicare and Medicaid patients
- Accept patients 60 and older in their practice;
- Accept reimbursement or contractual binding rates; and
- Not discriminate against patients based on ability to pay.

**APPLICATION PERIOD:** January 26, 2011 – February 24, 2011, 4:00 p.m.

**SUBMITTAL DEADLINE:** **Friday, February 24, 2011, 4:00 p.m.**

**FUNDING LEVEL:** Student loan repayment may not exceed thirty-five thousand dollars per fellowship year completed. Awards will be granted to no more than one practitioner this fiscal year unless additional funding becomes available.

**APPLICATIONS MAY BE FOUND:** <http://www.aging.sc.gov/providers/GeriatricLoanForgiveness.htm>

**APPLICATION ADDRESS:** Applications may be mailed or delivered to:

**John E. Roberts**  
**Lt. Governor's Office on Aging**  
**1301 Gervais Street, Suite 350**  
**Columbia, SC 29201**

**APPLICANT INTERVIEWS:** The Physician Advisory Board will meet **March 3, 2011**, to interview applicants.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Contact John E. Roberts at (803) 734-9940 or [robertsj@aging.sc.gov](mailto:robertsj@aging.sc.gov)