**Section 580.210 Eligibility**

a) Individuals who receive educational loan repayment assistance with federal funds or from loan funds requiring service commitments that would prevent the grantee from meeting the requirements of the Act and this Part are ineligible for assistance from this program.

b) *To be eligible for assistance under the program, an applicant must meet all of the following qualifications:*

1) *He or she must be a citizen or* lawful *permanent resident of the United States.*

2) *He or she must be a resident of this State.*

3) *He or she must be practicing full time in this State as a dentist, dental specialist, or dental hygienist.*

4) *He or she must currently be repaying educational loans.*

5) *He or she must accept dental payments as defined in* the *Act.*

6) *He or she must practice or commit to practice full time in this State in a designated shortage area.*

7) *He or she must allocate at least 20% of all patient appointments to patients covered by Article V of the Illinois Public Aid Code, the Covering ALL KIDS Health Insurance Act, or the Children's Health Insurance Program Act.* (Section 25 of the Act)

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