



To: All IPAs and PCPs
From: IEHP – Provider Relations
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Subject: **Funding and Grant Opportunities for Providers**

Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) would like to share with you a few funding opportunities available locally and at the state level to help support our Provider network and increase access to health care in the Inland Empire.

CalMed Force Residency Grant Program - Applications Accepted Now

The State allocated \$40 million in Proposition 56 funds for Graduate Medical Education (GME) to sustain, retain, and expand California residency positions in primary care and emergency medicine. Eligible residency programs include new and existing residency programs. The current application cycle is open now and runs through October 28, 2019. Only applications submitted before October 11 will have an opportunity to submit identified missing information. For more information, visit <https://www.phcdocs.org/CalMedForce-Grant-Cycle-2019-20>

Specialty	2019-2020 Award Amounts
Family Medicine	\$9,500,000
Internal Medicine	\$7,125,000
Pediatrics	\$7,125,000
Obstetrics and Gynecology	\$7,125,000
Emergency Medicine	\$7,125,000

CalHealthCares DHCS Loan Repayment Program - Applications Accepted January 2020

The State allocated \$120 million in Proposition 56 funds for physician and dental loan repayment services (\$100 million for Physicians and \$20 million for Dentists). Eligible Physicians may apply for a loan repayment up to \$300,000 in exchange for a five-year service obligation. Eligible Dentists may apply for either a loan repayment up to \$300,000 in exchange for a five-year service obligation or a practice support grant up to \$300,000 in exchange for a 10-year service obligation. All awardees are required to maintain a patient caseload of 30 percent or more Medi-Cal beneficiaries. Last funding cycle, 247 applicants were awarded over \$58 million, out of 1300 applicants. For more information, visit <https://www.phcdocs.org/Programs/CalHealthCares>.

Inland Empire Health Plan Network Expansion Fund

IEHP launched the Provider Network Expansion Fund (NEF) Program in September 2014 to support the hiring of Primary Care Physicians (PCPs) and Specialists to serve the growing Medi-Cal

population in the Inland Empire. In the past four years, IEHP has supported the hiring of 308 new Providers: 103 mid-level Practitioners, 97 PCPs, and 108 Specialists.

The hiring of PCPs and mid-level Practitioners has increased IEHP's membership capacity by 297,000 Members. We are also seeing an increased utilization of services for practices that added a Specialist via the NEF Program.

In this next phase of the program, revised guidelines have been approved to ensure that the remaining program budget is utilized to address specific network gaps. The revisions to the program guidelines include but are not limited to:

- IEHP will identify and post the Physician/Provider types and geographic locations for positions eligible to receive support via NEF.
- Applying entities will be required to submit a detailed justification explaining why they should be awarded the subsidy.
- Change in payment structure: 50 percent paid when credentialing is completed, 25 percent after Physician/Provider completes six months of service, and the remaining 25 percent when the Physician/Provider completes one year of service.

The revised program guidelines and application can be found on our website at www.iehp.org/en/providers/join-our-network. If you are interested in receiving support through the NEF Program, please submit a completed application to Beth Taylor at taylor-f@iehp.org and Coline Ingalla at ingalla-c@iehp.org.

As a reminder, all communications sent by IEHP can also be found on our Provider Portal at the following address: www.iehp.org/en/providers/plan-updates.

If you have any questions regarding other Provider-related issues, please contact the Provider Relations Team at (909) 890-2054, or email ProviderServices@iehp.org.