

**The Massachusetts Community Health Center  
Physician Loan Repayment Program  
December, 2007**

**Introduction**

As you may have heard, The Bank of America, in conjunction with Partners Healthcare, offered a Primary Care Loan Repayment Program for its Partners affiliated health centers earlier this year. However, there is now a second program. This document's goal is to provide a high level overview of this new Primary Care Physician Loan Repayment Program which is now available to many of Cambridge Health Alliance primary care physicians.

**General Description**

This new Primary Care Physician Loan Repayment Program is managed by the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers and is offered to support the expansion of primary care physicians state wide who are affiliated with Mass League of Community Health Centers (The League). Cambridge Health Alliance is a part of The League and most of our health centers qualify under this program. The funding for this program has been through corporate donations and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

**Primary Care Physician Eligibility**

In general, this Program is open to primary care physicians who have completed their training and are not currently working at a community health center. However, if you are recently accepted employment at CHA and have started anytime after January 1, 2006 you may qualify for this program.

Primary Care physicians who are working full time will be given priority; however, physicians who are working at least (6) six clinical sessions (24 hrs of face to face time with patients) also qualify. Precepting does not qualify and thus a physician with (4) four clinical sessions and two sessions Precepting would not be eligible for this program.

**CHA Health Centers that Qualify**

Community Health Centers that are based in the community and licensed by the Hospital, meet the eligibility requirements for this Program. For Cambridge Health Alliance, the only two health centers that do not qualify are Cambridge Pediatrics and The Primary Care Unit.

**Primary Care Physician Commitment**

Participating physicians will need to commit for a minimum of two years and up to maximum of three years.

**Loan Repayment Awards**

Awards will be made in the form of a forgivable loan to the applicant from the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers of up to \$25,000 a year for three years for a maximum of \$75,000 for full time primary care physicians. The award will be prorated for those applicants who are working less than full time.

**Application Requirements**

Applicants will need the following to apply:

- √ Application
- √ CV
- √ Two letters of Recommendation
- √ Completion of: Loan Information/Verification, Authorization to Release Information and Payment Information Forms.
- √ CHA Employer Site Application Form.

**Application Deadlines**

March 1, 2008

**Additional Information**

Please visit The League's website for additional information as well as application materials. ([www.massleague.org](http://www.massleague.org)). Additionally, Lesley Bailey, Program Manager for the Loan Repayment Program is a terrific resource and can be contacted either by e-mail [lbailey@massleague.org](mailto:lbailey@massleague.org) or telephone (617) 426-2225, ext. 296.