Overview: Service-Obligated Providers in New York State

Who Are They?

A health care professional who agrees to practice in underserved communities in exchange for incentives such as scholarships, loan repayment, or J-1 Visa waivers. Service-obligated programs typically require placement in federal or state designated shortage areas or facilities.

Nearly One-Third Are Physicians

- 665 Physicians
- 422 Nurse Practitioners
- 332 Licensed Social Workers
- 145 Physician Assistants
- 138 Substance Abuse Disorder Workers
- 339 Other

44% Work in Primary Care

- 7.3% Hospitals/As Specialists
- 6.7% Oral Health
- 41.8% Behavioral Health

Where Do They Practice?

44% of Service-Obligated Providers Practice in NYC

- 2,000+ fulfilling service obligations in New York State (as of March 2022)
- 33% increase in service-obligated programs participation (between 2020 and 2022)
- 75% participate in federally sponsored programs (ie, National Health Services Corps)


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