**Section 577.320 Eligibility**

To be eligible for loan repayment assistance, an applicant shall meet all of the following:

a) Be a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States;

b) Be a resident of Illinois;

c) Be a licensed psychiatric physician in Illinois;

d) Practice full time in Illinois as a psychiatric physician;

e) Be currently repaying educational loans;

f) Agree to practice as a psychiatric physician in a *designated shortage area for a specified period of time, but not less than three years;*

g) Agree to *accept medical payments;* *and*

h) Agree to *serve targeted populations*. (Section 15(7) of the Act)