

**COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]**

**Adopted and Filed**

**Rule making related to loan repayment programs**

The College Student Aid Commission hereby amends Chapter 24, “Rural Iowa Primary Care Loan Repayment Program,” Chapter 25, “Rural Iowa Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner and Physician Assistant Loan Repayment Program,” and Chapter 26, “Health Care Loan Repayment Program,” Iowa Administrative Code.

*Legal Authority for Rule Making*

This rule making is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code section 261.3.

*State or Federal Law Implemented*

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapter 261.

*Purpose and Summary*

The adopted amendments specify that distances between cities, corresponding to the definition of “service commitment area,” are measured and verified by calculating the shortest travel distance on paved roads instead of by straight-line distance.

*Public Comment and Changes to Rule Making*

Notice of Intended Action for this rule making was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on May 6, 2020, as **ARC 5031C**. No public comments were received. No changes from the Notice have been made.

*Adoption of Rule Making*

This rule making was adopted by the Commission on July 17, 2020.

*Fiscal Impact*

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

*Jobs Impact*

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

*Waivers*

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 283—Chapter 7.

*Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee*

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee’s meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

*Effective Date*

This rule making will become effective on September 16, 2020.

The following rule-making actions are adopted:

ITEM 1. Amend rule **283—24.2(261)**, definition of “Service commitment area,” as follows:

“*Service commitment area*” means a medically underserved Iowa city with a population of less than 26,000 that is located more than 20 miles from a city with a population of 50,000 or more. Each physician participating in the program must contract with the service commitment area to ensure the service commitment area provides a nonrefundable \$20,000 contribution for deposit in the rural Iowa primary care trust fund. Payment of the nonrefundable contribution to the trust fund can be made by, but is not limited to, the following organizations: community agencies, hospitals, medical groups, municipalities, community foundations, local government entities, or other community entities. Locations and distances between cities will be consistently measured and verified by calculating the ~~straight-line distance between main post offices~~ shortest travel distance on paved roads.

ITEM 2. Amend rule **283—25.2(261)**, definition of “Service commitment area,” as follows:

“*Service commitment area*” means a medically underserved Iowa city with a population of less than 26,000 that is located more than 20 miles from a city with a population of 50,000 or more. Each applicant participating in the program must contract with the service commitment area to ensure the service commitment area provides a nonrefundable \$2,000 contribution for deposit in the rural Iowa advanced registered nurse practitioner and physician assistant trust fund. Payment of the nonrefundable contribution to the trust fund can be made by, but is not limited to, the following organizations: community agencies, hospitals, medical groups, municipalities, community foundations, local government entities, or other community entities. Locations and distances between cities will be consistently measured and verified by calculating the ~~straight-line distance between main post offices~~ shortest travel distance on paved roads.

ITEM 3. Amend rule **283—26.2(261)**, definition of “Service commitment area,” as follows:

“*Service commitment area*” means a city in Iowa with a population of less than 26,000 that is located more than 20 miles from a city with a population of 50,000 or more. Locations and distances between cities will be consistently measured and verified by calculating the shortest travel distance on paved roads.

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