



Clinic Workforce Stabilization Retention Payments (CWSRP) Summary

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Background

AB 204 SECTION 19

September 29, 2022, Governor Newsom signed AB 204. Section 19 aims to stabilize the California “**qualified clinic**” workforce by providing retention payments to help retain qualified health care workers such as:

- Registered Nurses
- Licensed Vocational Nurses
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Licensed Mental Health Workers
- Medical Assistants
- Advanced Practice Professionals

GOAL OF SECTION 19 OF THE BILL

- To manage the COVID-19 pandemic
- Address other public health issues faced by California residents

WHAT CONSTITUTES A “QUALIFIED CLINIC”?

FQHCs, FQHC look-alikes, free clinics, Indian health clinics, intermittent clinics, and rural health clinics

Important Timeframes

REGISTRATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS FOR QUALIFIED CLINICS

1. **November 15, 2022 – December 20, 2022: Qualified Clinics registration process**

Qualified clinics are required to register with DHCS to participate in the CWSRP Program by December 20, 2022. Once registered, qualified clinics will be approved to apply for retention payments on behalf of their eligible employees.

2. **December 29, 2022 – January 27, 2023: Qualified Clinics application process**

All registered qualified clinics will receive a link to the application for submitting employee information, which are due by January 27, 2023. DHCS encourages early submissions so all applications can be validated prior to the final due date.

3. **February 2023: Payments sent to Qualified Clinics**

DHCS anticipates issuing payments to qualified clinics in February 2023. Clinics receiving funding must issue payments to qualified employees within 60 days of receipt of funds.



WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Qualifying providers may not be aware of this opportunity and failure to register now and EARLY may delay or prevent them from receiving payment

Providers have reported being chronically understaffed and this could help with retention

More staff= more capacity =more California residents served

Program Information & Guidance

- [Qualified Clinics Registration and Application Process](#)
- [FAQs - Posted October 14, 2022](#)

Next Steps for Qualified Providers

Step 1: Get Registered!

Step 2: Start to Gather Important Information Required for Eligible Employees

- Name
- Date of birth
- Last four digits of either the employee's Social Security Number issued by the Social Security Administration or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number issued by the IRS
- Current mailing address
- Professional license, certificate, or registration number, if applicable

[DHCS Eligibility FAQs](#)