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SENATE BILL NO. 266—SENATORS TAYLOR, CRUZ-CRAWFORD;  
CANNIZZARO, DALY, DOÑATE, DONDERO LOOP, FLORES,  
OHRENSCHALL, PAZINA AND SCHEIBLE

MARCH 4, 2025

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the Student Loan Repayment for Providers of Health Care in Underserved Communities Program. (BDR 18-1064)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to health care; authorizing certain providers of behavioral health services to participate in the Student Loan Repayment for Providers of Health Care in Underserved Communities Program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law: (1) creates the Student Loan Repayment for Providers of Health  
2 Care in Underserved Communities Program within the Office of the State Treasurer  
3 to repay the student education loans of certain providers of health care who work in  
4 certain underserved communities; and (2) establishes certain eligibility  
5 requirements for such providers of health care to obtain loan repayment through the  
6 Program. (NRS 226.450-226.466) Existing law defines “provider of health care” to  
7 include certain persons for purposes of the Program. (NRS 226.454) This bill  
8 expands the definition of “provider of health care” to include a marriage and family  
9 therapist, a clinical alcohol and drug counselor or a licensed or certified alcohol and  
10 drug counselor, thereby making the benefits of the Program available to such  
11 persons.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 226.454 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 226.454 “Provider of health care” means:  
3 1. A physician;



- 1 2. A physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or
- 2 633 of NRS;
- 3 3. A dentist;
- 4 4. A licensed nurse;
- 5 5. A person who holds a license as an attendant or is certified
- 6 as an emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical
- 7 technician or paramedic pursuant to chapter 450B of NRS;
- 8 6. An optometrist;
- 9 7. An audiologist;
- 10 8. A practitioner of respiratory care;
- 11 9. A podiatric physician;
- 12 10. A psychologist;
- 13 11. A clinical professional counselor;
- 14 12. *A marriage and family therapist;*
- 15 *13. A clinical alcohol and drug counselor or a licensed or*
- 16 *certified alcohol and drug counselor;*
- 17 *14. A perfusionist;*
- 18 ~~[13.]~~ 15. A pharmacist or pharmacy technician;
- 19 ~~[14.]~~ 16. An associate in social work, a social worker, a master
- 20 social worker, an independent social worker or a clinical social
- 21 worker licensed pursuant to chapter 641B of NRS;
- 22 ~~[15.]~~ 17. A midwife; or
- 23 ~~[16.]~~ 18. A provider of doula services who is enrolled with the
- 24 Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department of
- 25 Health and Human Services to receive reimbursement through
- 26 Medicaid pursuant to NRS 422.27177.
- 27 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2025.

