

Alaska SHARP Program FAQs for SHARP-II

FILLING OUT THE SHARP CLINICIAN APPLICATION

Part B – Loan Information

- 1. Q. When filling out the loan-lender form in the SHARP-II Clinician Application I see they are asking for the Lender Name and the Holder Name. What if my loans have been consolidated and are now held by a different lender?**

A: Section B – Loan Information provides a Current Loans section to be completed. On the right end of the Current Loans box you can check a box to indicate it is a consolidation loan. Once that is checked an Original Loans That Have Been Consolidated section appears where you can list your original loan names. The most important thing here is to show that school debt has not been co-mingled with any other consumer debt such as credit card payoffs, mortgages, car payments, etc.

- 2. Q. If an applicant uses a different name on the SHARP-II Clinician Application from the one used when taking out the student loans, what is the best way to deal with that?**

A: If any of your dealings with SHARP-II are under another name, then you must provide clarification of that. In particular, you need to clarify to whom, and for whom (correct name), the payments would be made. In that instance, you would likely provide things like evidence of formal name change, if that has occurred. In any case, if an applicant goes by more than one name it needs to be documented.

- 3. Q. The instructions for Part B of the clinician application states that the Loan – Lender/Holder Information Form needs to be sent to the organization that holds the loans to be completed and returned. In some cases the holding organizations only provide a verification letter or printout of the loans. Is this adequate?**

A: If you have loan verification letters or other printout that verifies your loan amounts you should include these with your application. The new Web-based clinician application makes it possible to attach loan documents. You should complete Section I of the Loan Lender/Holder Information Form the top of the form.

Please note that your loan lender/holder must verify that there are no current service obligations and sign the form at the bottom.

Identifying a Practice Site

4. Q. How important is it to list a specific site I am interested in?

A: It is not necessary to list a specific work site on the clinician application, but you should definitely be looking for one. Every applicant must have a corresponding worksite and the applicants are responsible for finding their employers. Sometimes it is possible to find a suitable employer in the process of applying for SHARP. You should check the “Sites Seeking Clinicians” link on the SHARP homepage or go to:

<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/HealthPlanning/Pages/sharp/match.aspx>

5. Q. What is the definition of primary care as it pertains to the question, “Is this a primary care position?” in Part A(2) of the Clinician Application.

A: Primary care is the delivery of professional, comprehensive health services that include health education and disease prevention, initial assessment of health problems, treatment of acute and chronic health problems, and the overall management of an individual’s or family’s health care services. It entails first-contact care of persons with undifferentiated illnesses, comprehensive care that is not disease or organ specific, care that is longitudinal in nature and care that includes the coordination of other health services. Primary care dental services and primary care behavioral health services are also included.