**Section 580.200 Application**

a) The *Department shall, each year, consider 4 applications for assistance under the program.* (Section 20 of the Act) The Department will review all applications received.

b) The Department will prepare and make available applications to eligible applicants. The applicant shall indicate the location of the dental practice in a designated shortage area where service will be performed.

c) Applicants shall document currently existing educational loan indebtedness to a governmental or commercial lending institution incurred for educational expenses in pursuit of the applicant's dental or dental hygienist degree. The documentation of indebtedness shall include a photocopy or original copy of promissory notes or other evidence of indebtedness with disclosure of the lending institution or agency, loan amount, loan period, interest rate, and any amounts repaid prior to the date of submission of the application.

d) An applicant shall demonstrate that he or she meets all of the eligibility criteria in Section 580.210.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 2313, effective January 27, 2012)