Overview

L.A. Care Health Plan (L.A. Care) has committed up to $31 million to launch *Elevating the Safety Net,* a long-term initiative to recruit highly qualified physicians into the Los Angeles County safety net.

Since California is experiencing a growing physician shortage that poses a severe risk to patient care, the initiative aims to address that shortage in Los Angeles County. L.A. Care's initiative aligns with our mission of supporting the safety net and ensuring access to high-quality care for our members, who are among the most vulnerable in L.A. County.

We are pleased to release a Request for Applications (RFA) for two complementary grant programs under the initiative:

1. Provider Recruitment Program

The *Elevating the Safety Net Provider Recruitment Program* will provide **up to $125,000** to cover salary subsidies, sign-on bonuses, and/or relocation costs associated with recruiting highly qualified physicians to practice in the safety net for the first time. Contracted providers in L.A. Care's Medi-Cal network who provide primary health services to Medi-Cal patients and other vulnerable populations will be eligible to apply for program funds.

2. Physician Loan Repayment Program

The *Elevating the Safety Net Physician Loan Repayment Program* will provide **up to $5,000 a month** in loan repayment assistance for highly qualified physicians who commit to practicing in the safety net for a minimum of three years. Only primary care physicians practicing in the L.A. County safety net for the first time will be eligible to apply for program funds.

For more information on how to apply for program funds, please visit:
www.lacare.org/elevateproviders