



Provider Request: Call Your Representative

To address America's shortage of pediatric rheumatologists, the American College of Rheumatology and the Arthritis Foundation, alongside over 20 patient and provider groups, have endorsed reauthorization of the Pediatric Subspecialty Loan Repayment Program.

The pediatric subspecialty loan repayment program was authorized by Section 5203 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in March 2010. The program, which would be administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), would incentivize training and practice in pediatric medical subspecialties, like pediatric rheumatology, in underserved areas across the United States. The program would offer up to \$35,000 in loan forgiveness for each year of service for a maximum of three years. The program was authorized for \$30 million for FY 2010 through FY 2014, but has yet to be appropriated any funding.

This critical program must be reauthorized prior to 2015 or it disappears. To succeed, we must all do our part. Please dial the United States Capitol Switchboard at

(202) 224-3121

Request to be connected with your Representative. If you're not sure who your Representative is, visit www.House.gov to find out!

Once connected to the office, politely ask to leave a voicemail with the Health Legislative Assistant and share this message:

Hello, this is [Your Name]. I live in [City], [State] [Zip]. I'm calling today to talk about H.R. 1827, the Pediatric Subspecialty and Mental Health Workforce Reauthorization Act. I would like to see the Representative cosponsor this legislation and want to know what I can do to help make that happen. Please call me at your convenience at [phone] or via email at [email]. Thank you!

Thanks for pitching in!

If you have any questions or need assistance with a legislative office, please contact Laurie Markle at lmarkle@arthritis.org or (202) 887-2921.



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