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To: Officials of Schools Participating in the Health
Education
Assistance Loan (HEAL) Program

Subject: HEAL School Policy Memorandum #12 - HEAL Borrower Status
HEAL Lender Policy Memorandum #89-1

It has come to our attention that some schools are engaging in a practice which may be intended to give their graduates a benefit that is not permissible under the statute governing the HEAL program. Specifically, these schools are certifying as full-time students borrowers who have already graduated and are in internship or residency programs.

Certifying that an intern or resident is a full-time student is contrary to the intent of the Congress and the Administration. Since October 22, 1985, the statute has provided that the total maximum length of time a new HEAL borrower can remain out of repayment status (either through postponement of repayment or deferment) because of an internship or residency is 4 years.

A school which does not comply with these provisions, risks the loss of its eligibility to continue participating in the HEAL program. You must complete a new Borrower Status Form for each HEAL borrower currently in an internship or residency program whom your school has certified as a full-time student during this period. A copy of the form is enclosed. (You may duplicate this form.) The form must be completed for each borrower and returned to the appropriate lender by March 1, 1989.

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