

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

**Public Health Service**

**Health Resources and  
Services Administration  
Rockville MD 20857**

To: Lenders and Schools is Participating in the Health  
Education Assistance Loan (**HEAL**) Program

Subject: Maximum REAL Interest Rates for the Quarter Ending September  
30, 1996

Section 60.13 (a) (4) of the **HEAL** Regulations requires the Secretary of Health  
and Human Services to announce the maximum quarterly interest rate in effect for  
**HEAL** loans.

For loans made before January 27, 1981, the variable interest  
rate is 8 3 /4 percent.

For variable rate loans executed on or after January 27, 1981 through  
October 21, 1985, the interest rate is 8 3/4 percent.

For fixed rate loans executed during the period July 1, 1996 through  
September 30, 1996, and for variable rate loans executed on or after  
October 22, 1985, the interest rate is 8 1/4 percent.

The average bond equivalency rate for 91-day U.S. Treasury Bills during the period April  
1, 1996 through June 30, 1996 was 5.17 percent.

We have enclosed **HEAL** quarterly interest rates for the last four quarters. Interest rates  
since the inception of the program are available upon request.

If you have any questions regarding the interest or Treasury Bill rates, please do not hesitate  
to contact Ms. Sarah Moore at (301) 443-0603 or Ms. Anna E. Gatling at (301) 443-1023.

Sincerely yours,

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Attachment

HEAL Variable Interest Rates  
HEALTH EDUCATION ASSISTANCE LOAN (HEAL) PROGRAM  
Division of Student Assistance

Rates for Quarter <u>Ending</u>	Loans Made Prior to <u>1/27/81</u>	Loans Made On or After <u>1/27/81*</u>	Loans Made On or After <u>10/22/85*</u>
September 30, 1996	8 3/4%	8 3/4%	8 1/4%
June 30, 1996	8 5/8%	8 5/8%	8 1/8%
March 31, 1996	9%	9%	8 1/2%
December 31, 1995	9 1/8%	9 1/8%	8 5/8%

\* Legislation Amended -- 12% annual interest cap repealed -- quarterly interest rate on loans made on or after 1/27/81, became a floating rate based on 91-day T-Bill rate plus 3 1/2%.

\*\* Legislation Amended -- Variable interest rate calculation amended -- quarterly interest rate on loans made on or after 10/22/85 is based on loans made on a floating rate of the average 91-day T-Bill rate plus 3%.