



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources  
and Services  
Administration

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

Subject: Maximum HEAL Interest Rates for the Quarter Ending December  
31, 2006 Lender Policy Memorandum L-2006-8

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 <sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> percent.**

For variable rate loans executed on or after January 27, 1981 through October 21, 1985, the interest rate is **8 <sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> percent.**

For variable rate loans executed on or after October 22, 1985, the interest rate is **8 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> percent.**

The average bond equivalency rate for 91-day U.S. Treasury Bills during the period July 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006 was **5.051 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 HEAL interest or Treasury Bill rates, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Devonah Horne at (301) 443-5594.

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Attachment

### HEAL Variable Interest Rates

#### HEALTH EDUCATION ASSISTANCE LOAN (HEAL) PROGRAM

Division of Health Careers Diversity and Development

<u>Rates for Quarter</u>	<u>Loans Made</u>	<u>Loans Made</u>	<u>Loans Made</u>
<u>Ending</u>	<u>Prior to</u>	<u>On or After</u>	<u>On or After</u>
	<u>01/27/1981</u>	<u>01/27/1981*</u>	<u>10/22/1985*</u>
December 31, 2006	8 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub> %	8 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub> %	8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> %
September 30, 2006	8 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> %	8 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> %	7 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub>
June 30, 2006	8 %	8 %	7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> %
March 31, 2006	7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> %	7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> %	7

\*Legislation Amended - 12 percent annual interest cap repealed - quarterly interest rate on loans made on or after 01/27/1981, became a floating rate based on 91-day T-Bill rate plus 3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> percent.

\*\*Legislation Amended - Variable interest rate calculation amended - quarterly interest rate on loans made on or after 10/22/1985 is based on loans made on a floating rate of the average 91-day T-Bill rate plus 3 percent.