

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Bureau of Health Professions

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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, 1996
Lender Policy Memorandum L-96-16
School Policy Memorandum S-96-15

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 7/8 percent.

For variable rate loans executed on or after January 27, 1981 through October 21, 1985, the interest rate is 8 7/8 percent.

For fixed rate loans executed during the period October 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996 and for variable rate loans executed on or after October 22, 1985, the interest rate is 8 3/8 percent.

The average bond equivalency rate for 91-day U.S. Treasury Bills during the period July 1, 1996 through September 30, 1996 was 5.26 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.

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Attachment

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

<u>Rates for Quarter</u> <u>Ending</u>	Loans Made Prior to	Loans Made On or After	Loans Made On or After
	<u>1/27/81</u>	<u>1/27/81*</u>	<u>10/22/85**</u>
December 31, 1996	8 7/8%	8 7/8%	8 3/8%
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%

* Legislation Amended - 12% annual interest cap repealed -- quarterly interest rate on loans made on or after 1/27/81, became a floating rate based on 91-day T-Bill rate plus 3 1/2%.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

T-Bill rate plus 3%.