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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, 1998.  
Lender Policy Memorandum 1998-18  
School Policy Memorandum 1998-9

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 1/2 percent.**

For variable rate loans executed on or before January 27, 1981 through October 21, 1985, the interest rate is **8 1/2 percent.**

For fixed rate loans executed during the period October 1, 1998 through December 1, 1998, and for variable rate loans executed on or after October 22, 1985, the interest rate is **8 percent.**

The average bond equivalency rate for 91-day U.S. Treasury Bills during the period July 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998 was **4.97 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.

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HEAL Variable Interest Rates

HEALTH EDUCATION ASSISTANCE LOAN (HEAL) PROGRAM

Division of Student Assistance

<u>Rates for</u>	<u>Loans Made</u> <u>Prior to</u>	<u>Loans Made</u> <u>On or After</u>	<u>Loans Made</u> <u>On or After</u>
<u>Quarter Ending</u>	<u>01/27/1981</u>	<u>01/27/1981*</u>	<u>10/22/1985**</u>
December 31, 1998	8 1/2%	8 1/2%	8 %
September 30, 1998	8 3/4%	8 3/4%	8 1/4%
June 30, 1998	8 3/4%	8 3/4%	8 1/4%
March 31, 1998	8 3/4%	8 3/4%	8 1/4%

\*Legislation Amended - 12 percent annual interest cap repealed -quarterly interest rate on loans made on or after 01/27/1981, became a floating rate based on 91-day T-Bill rate plus 3 1/2 percent.

\*\*Legislation Amended - Variable interest rate calculation amended - quarterly

interest rate on loans made on or after 10/22/1985, became a floating rate based