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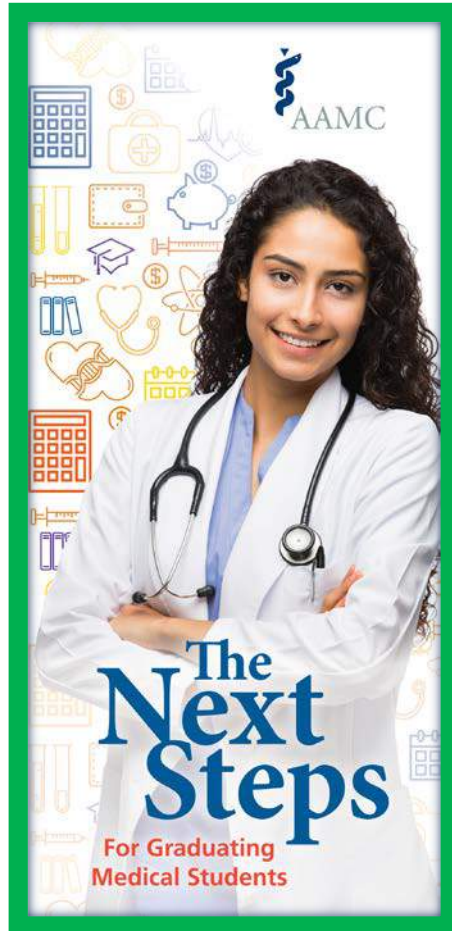
Repayment Strategies

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Agenda

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1 Organize Your Loans
Immediately

2 Manage Loans Without
a Grace Period
30 days before graduation

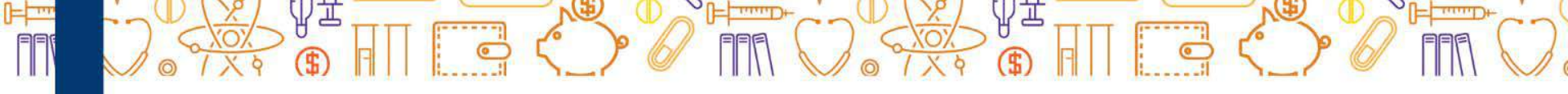
3 Consolidation Is an Option
Upon graduation

4 Complete the Employment
Certification Form (ECF)
When residency begins

5 Decide if You'll Pay
or Postpone Payments
Before the end of grace

6 Submit Annual
Recertification Paperwork
Before the end of the first year

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Online Resource

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Financial Information, Resources, Services, and Tools (FIRST)

2018 Education Debt Manager

For Graduating Medical School Students

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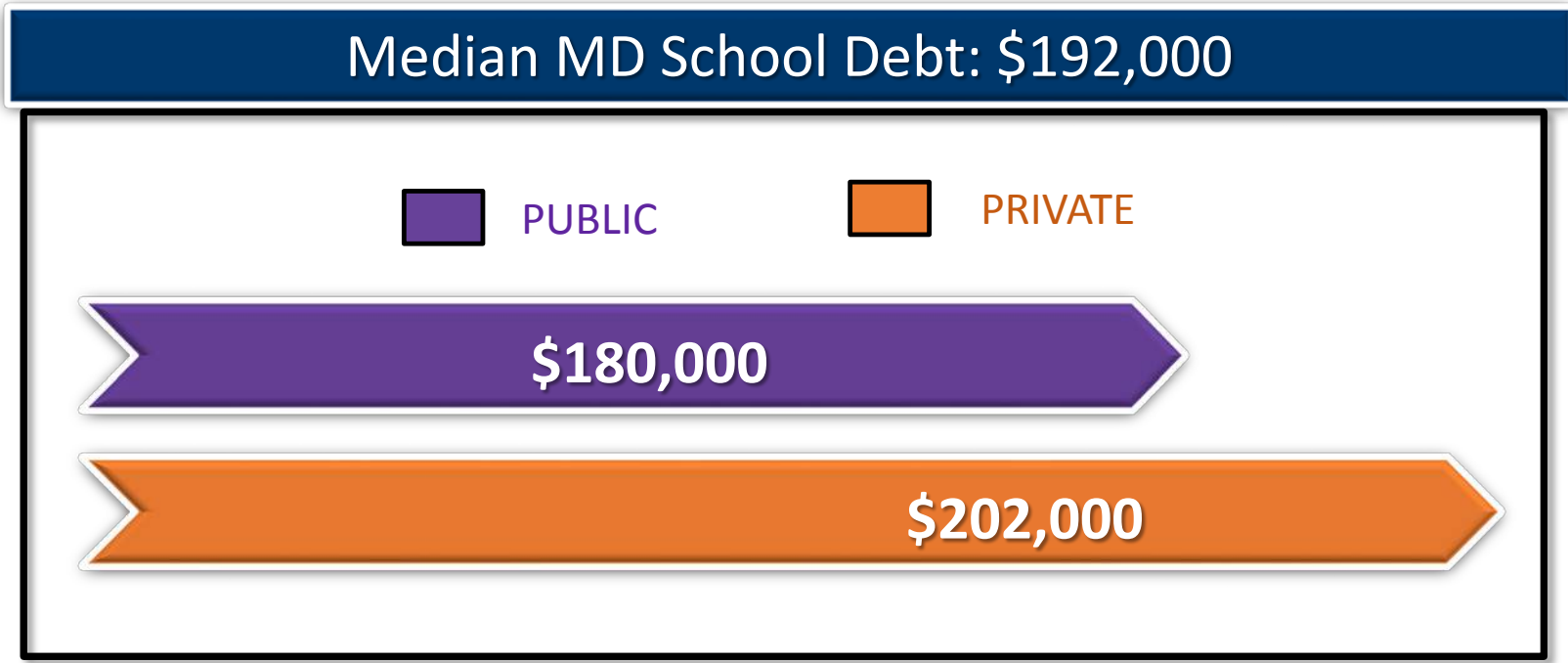
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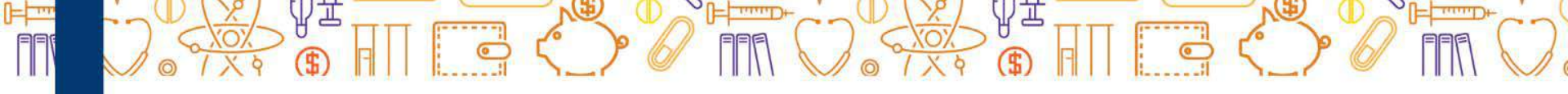
Class of 2017

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Source: AAMC 2017 Graduate Questionnaire (GQ)

75% of class report having educational debt
48% report debt of \$200,000 or higher



Debt Fact Card

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October 2017			
AAMC			
Medical Student Education: Debt, Costs, and Loan Repayment Fact Card			
Class of 2017	Public	Private	All
Pct. with Ed. Debt	77%	72%	75%

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Education Debt

**LCME I-B Data
Average MS Debt Per 2017 Grads**

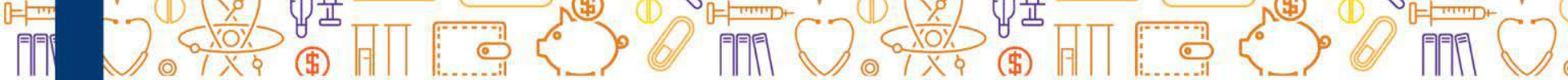
\$182,971

Source: FIRST analysis of AAMC 2017 GQ data. Education debt figures include premedical education debt plus medical education debt. Non-education debt collected by category.

Cost, M1 In-State, 2017-18	Public	Private
Median Tuition & Fees	\$36,937 (↑1%)	\$59,605 (↑4%)
Median Cost of Attendance (COA)	\$60,945 (↑3%)	\$82,278 (↑2%)
Median 4-Yr. COA for Class of 2018	\$243,902 (↑1%)	\$322,767 (↑3%)

Source: AAMC TSF Survey data from 88 public schools and 54 private schools.

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National Student Loan Data System

Retrieve Your Loan Information

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Aid Summary for

Your enrollment status is **FULL TIME**, effective 07/07/2010.



Loans

Please click on number in first column to see details

	Type of Loan	Loan Amount	Loan Date	Disbursed Amount	Canceled Amount	Outstanding Principal	Outstanding Interest
1	DIRECT STAFFORD UNSUBSIDIZED	\$47,160	07/10/2012	\$47,160	\$0	\$47,160	\$1,036
2	DIRECT PLUS GRADUATE	\$36,393	07/10/2012	\$36,393	\$0	\$36,393	\$928
3	DIRECT STAFFORD UNSUBSIDIZED	\$32,000	08/19/2011	\$32,000	\$0	\$32,000	\$2,767
4	DIRECT STAFFORD SUBSIDIZED	\$8,500	08/19/2011	\$8,500	\$0	\$8,500	\$0
5	DIRECT PLUS GRADUATE	\$33,484	08/19/2011	\$33,484	\$0	\$33,484	\$3,364
6	DIRECT STAFFORD SUBSIDIZED	\$8,500	08/25/2010	\$8,500	\$0	\$8,500	\$0
7	DIRECT PLUS GRADUATE	\$31,547	08/25/2010	\$31,547	\$0	\$31,547	\$5,636
8	DIRECT STAFFORD UNSUBSIDIZED	\$32,000	08/25/2010	\$32,000	\$0	\$32,000	\$4,920
9	DIRECT STAFFORD UNSUBSIDIZED	\$5,500	08/31/2007	\$5,500	\$0	\$5,889	\$1,668
10	DIRECT STAFFORD SUBSIDIZED	\$5,500	08/31/2006	\$5,500	\$0	\$5,500	\$35
11	DIRECT CONSOLIDATED UNSUBSIDIZED	\$6,297	06/26/2006	\$6,297	\$0	\$7,219	\$1,412
12	DIRECT STAFFORD UNSUBSIDIZED	\$3,500	08/31/2005	\$3,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
13	DIRECT STAFFORD UNSUBSIDIZED	\$2,625	10/10/2004	\$2,625	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total DIRECT STAFFORD UNSUBSIDIZED					\$117,049	\$10,391
	Total DIRECT PLUS GRADUATE					\$101,424	\$9,928
	Total DIRECT STAFFORD SUBSIDIZED					\$22,500	\$35
	Total DIRECT CONSOLIDATED UNSUBSIDIZED					\$7,219	\$1,412
	Total All Loans					\$248,192	\$21,766

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Review Each Loan Record

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Who Is Your Loan Servicer?

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Type of Loan: **1 DIRECT STAFFORD UNSUBSIDIZED**

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Scheduled Start of Repayment: **12/02/2013**
Loan Period Begin Date: **07/02/2012**
Loan Period End Date: **05/17/2013**



Amounts and Dates

Loan Amount	Outstanding Principal Balance	Outstanding Principal Balance As of Date	Outstanding Interest Balance	Outstanding Interest Balance As of Date	Interest Rate	Canceled Amount	Canceled Date
\$47,160	\$47,160	02/18/2013	\$1,036	02/18/2013	FIXED	\$0	

Disbursement(s) and Status(es)

Disbursement Date	Disbursement Amount	Loan Status	Status Description	Status Effective Date
01/02/2013	\$23,580	IA	LOAN ORIGINATED	07/10/2012
07/10/2012	\$23,580			

Servicer/Lender/Guaranty Agency/ED Servicer Information

Contact Type	Contact
Current ED Servicer:	DEPT OF ED/SALLIE MAE PO BOX 740351 ATLANTA GA 30348 800-722-1300 www.salliemae.com

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Other Debt?

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Spot identity theft early. Review your credit reports.

Suspicious activity or accounts you don't recognize can be signs of identity theft. Review your credit reports to catch problems early.

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- PAUSE ||
- SPOT IDENTITY THEFT**
- GOOD CREDIT
- DON'T BE FOOLED
- MORE THAN A SCORE
- NOT LIKE THE OTHERS

Your credit reports matter.

- Credit reports may affect your mortgage rates, credit card approvals, apartment requests, or even your job application.
- Reviewing credit reports helps you catch signs of identity theft early.

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Types of Loans

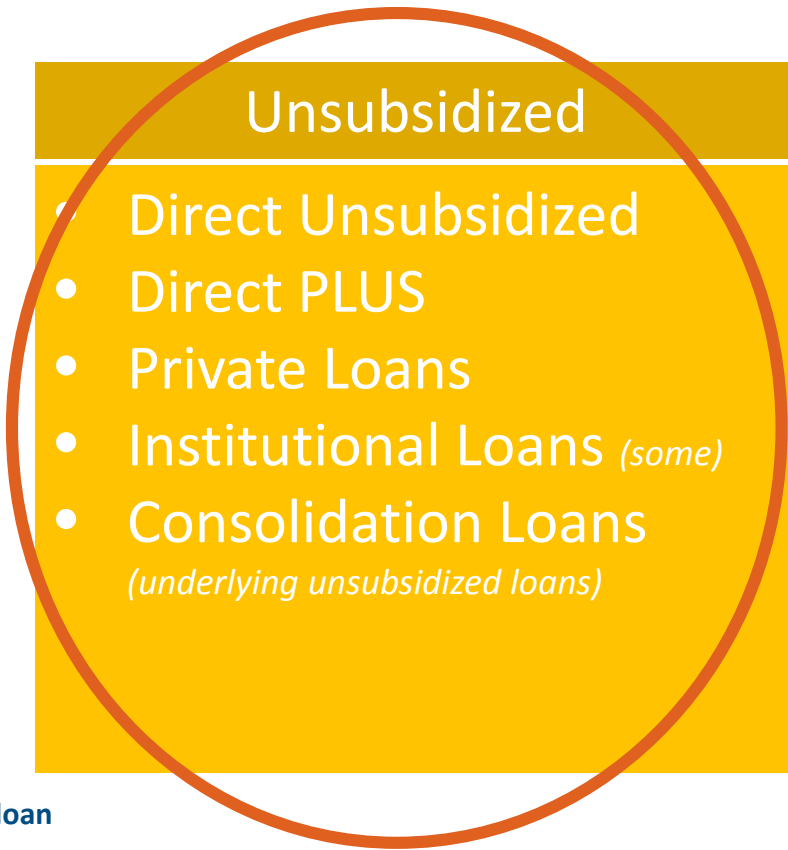
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Subsidized

- Direct Subsidized
- Perkins Loans *
- Primary Care Loans
- Loans for Disadvantaged Students (LDS)
- Institutional Loans *(some)*
- Consolidation Loans
(underlying subsidized loans)

Unsubsidized

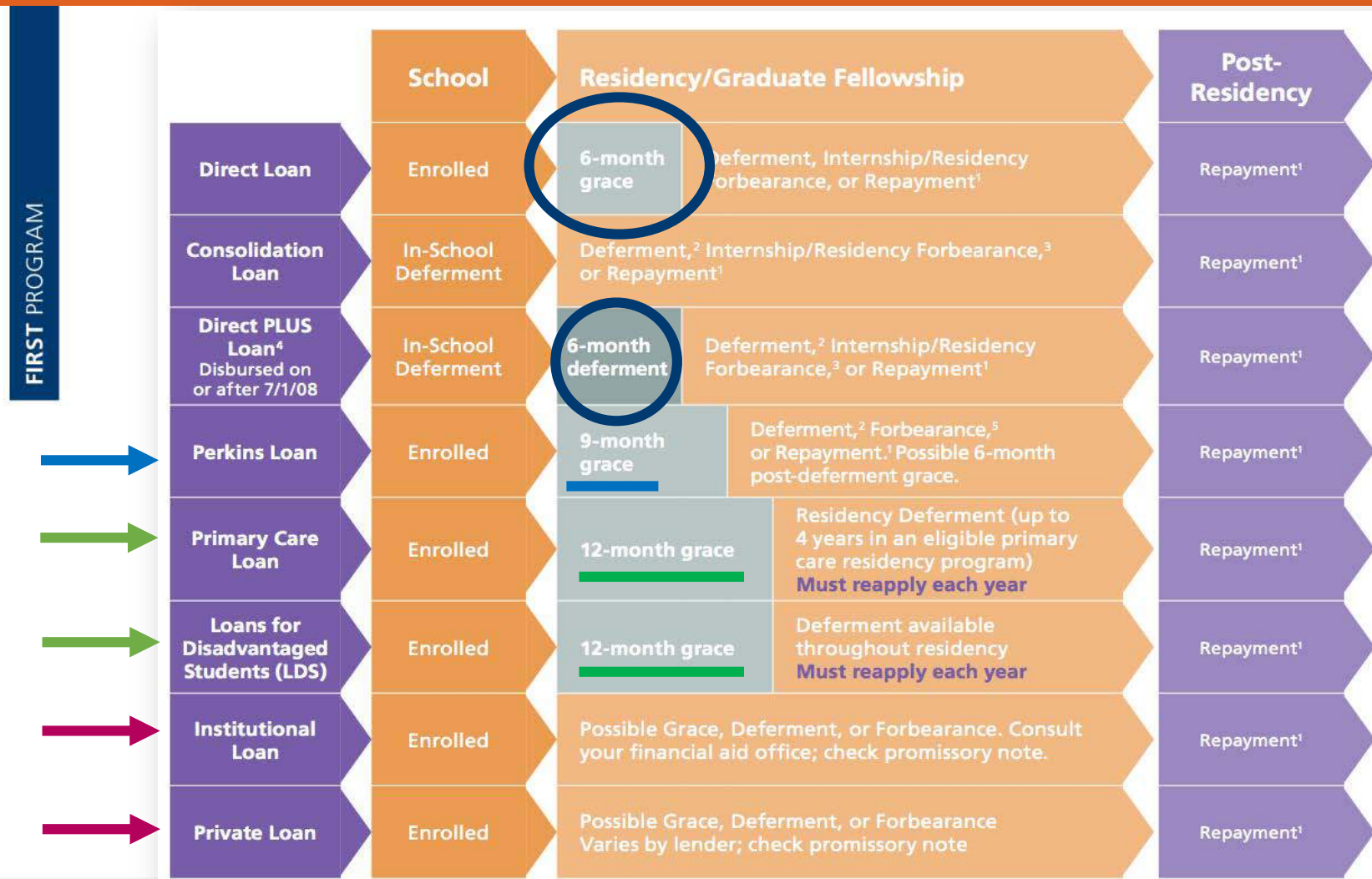
- Direct Unsubsidized
- Direct PLUS
- Private Loans
- Institutional Loans *(some)*
- Consolidation Loans
(underlying unsubsidized loans)



* Subsidy and deferment rights are lost in a consolidation loan



Loan Repayment Timeline



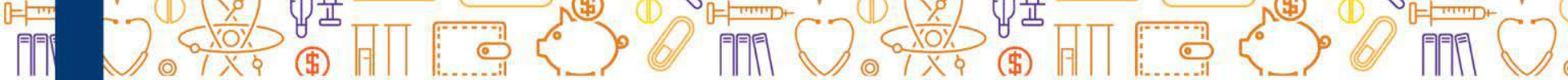
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Interest Rates

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Graduate and Professional Loans	Interest Rates
Direct Unsubsidized Loans (disbursed between 7/1/17 and 6/30/18)	6.00% Fixed
Direct Unsubsidized Loans (disbursed between 7/1/16 and 6/30/17)	5.31% Fixed
Direct Unsubsidized Loans (disbursed between 7/1/15 and 6/30/16)	5.84% Fixed
Direct Unsubsidized Loans (disbursed between 7/1/14 and 6/30/15)	6.21% Fixed
Direct Unsubsidized Loans (disbursed between 7/1/13 and 6/30/14)	5.41% Fixed
Stafford Loans (disbursed between 7/1/06 and 6/30/13)	6.80% Fixed
Direct PLUS Loans (disbursed between 7/1/17 and 6/30/18)	7.00% Fixed
Direct PLUS Loans (disbursed between 7/1/16 and 6/30/17)	6.31% Fixed
Direct PLUS Loans (disbursed between 7/1/15 and 6/30/16)	6.84% Fixed
Direct PLUS Loans (disbursed between 7/1/14 and 6/30/15)	7.21% Fixed
Direct PLUS Loans (disbursed between 7/1/13 and 6/30/14)	6.41% Fixed
Direct PLUS Loans (disbursed between 7/1/06 and 6/30/13)	7.90% Fixed
PCL/LDS	5.00% Fixed
Private Loans	Varies by loan – Check the Promissory Note
Institutional Loans	Varies by loan – Check the Promissory Note
Consolidation Loans	Fixed rate based on weighted average interest rate of underlying loans rounded up to the nearest one-eighth of a percent



Reduce the Impact of Capitalization

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\$180,000
M1 to
M4 Loans



\$28,200
Accrued
Interest
Med
School
and
Grace
Period

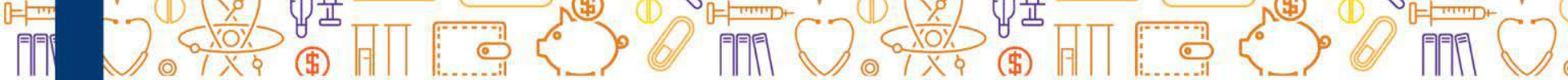


After Grace Capitalization Occurs

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After
capitalization, you
will owe
\$208,200



Reduce the Cost of Capitalization

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If possible, pay some (or all) accrued interest before it capitalizes.





Impact of Capitalization

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Principal Borrowed	Interest	Owed after Grace	Interest During Residency
\$140K	\$22K	\$162K	~\$800/mo
\$190K	\$30K	\$220K	~\$1,100/mo
\$200K	\$32K	\$232K	~\$1,200/mo
\$250K	\$41K	\$291K	~\$1,500/mo
\$300K	\$50K	\$350K	~\$1,800/mo

* Numbers are rounded.



Decision Time

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Postpone Payments

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Deferment

- Subsidized loans are interest free
- Interest accrues on unsubsidized loans
- Contact each loan servicer to apply
- *Strict requirements to qualify*



Postpone Payments

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Forbearance

- Interest accrues on all loans
- Interest will capitalize
- Contact each loan servicer to apply
- *Request 30-days before needed*



Repayment After Forbearance

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	Balance After Grace	Residency Interest	Post-Residency Balance
TOTAL	\$208k	+ \$37k	= <u>\$245k</u>

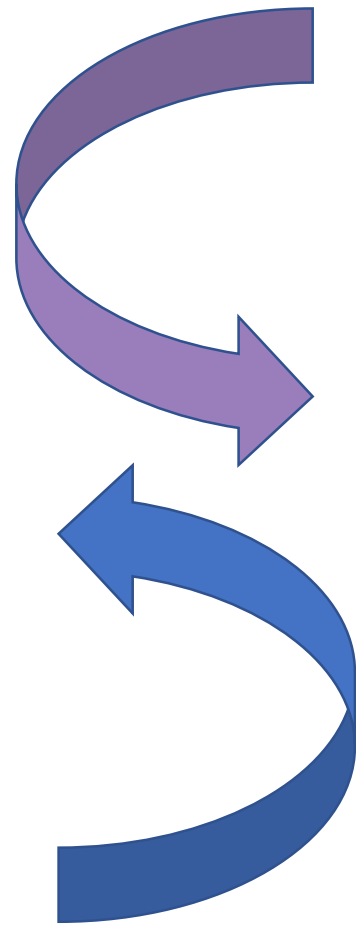
* Based on \$180k originally borrowed and a 3-year residency. Numbers are rounded.



Is Forbearance A Good Option For You?

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BEST for You, IF...
Seeking to REDUCE stress and financial obligations
Desiring to INCREASE disposable income
Have PRIVATE loans with higher interest rates



NOT for You, IF...
Seeking Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF)
Seeking an Income-Driven Repayment (IDR) plan forgiveness
Want to begin repayment immediately



Choosing a Repayment Plan

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There is no right or wrong answer!

REPAYMENT PLANS

YOUR decision depends on YOUR goals!

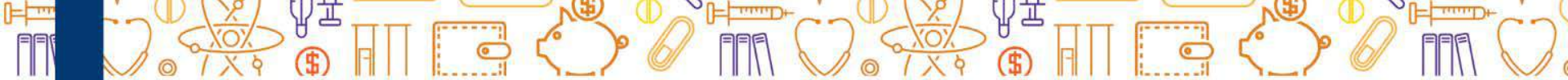
No monthly payment during residency

Low monthly payment during residency

Pay off loan in shortest amount of time

Minimize total repayment cost

Minimize total interest cost



Repayment Plans Compared

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- Which loans qualify for the plan?
- What are the advantages of each plan?
- How will the monthly payment be determined?
- How long does this plan give you to pay off your loans?
- What are the eligibility requirements?
- Does this plan qualify for Public Service Loan Forgiveness?
- What else do you need to know about this plan?

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Discretionary Income

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Example of a PGY-1 Resident			
In IBR		In PAYE	
Monthly Adjusted Gross Income ¹	\$4,640	Monthly Adjusted Gross Income ¹	\$4,640
(minus) 150% of Poverty Line ²	– \$1,530	(minus) 150% of Poverty Line ²	– \$1,530
Discretionary Income	= \$3,110	Discretionary Income	= \$3,110
(multiplied by) ³	× 15%	(multiplied by) ³	× 10%
Monthly IBR Payment	\$470⁴	Monthly PAYE Payment	\$310⁵

1. Based on AAMC estimate for the 2018 first post-MD-year median stipend.
2. Based on AAMC estimate of 2018 federal poverty guideline for a family size of one in the 48 contiguous states.
3. Based on 2015 federal regulations.
4. New borrowers on or after July 7, 2014, qualify for the “new” IBR plan, but the PAYE plan may lead to lower total repayment cost.
5. Rounded to the nearest tenth.

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Partial Financial Hardship

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The Partial Financial Hardship (PFH) test for entering IBR or PAYE:

IS YOUR STANDARD MONTHLY PAYMENT . . .
(the 10-year monthly payment amount determined when you enter the plan)

greater than **>** your monthly payment in **?**
IBR or PAYE
(whichever plan you are applying for)

If "yes," you have a PFH.

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Partial Financial Hardship (PFH)



- Must have PFH to enter into IBR or PAYE**
- Can remain in IBR or PAYE in subsequent years, even without a PFH
 - Must submit annual documentation
 - **Max payment in IBR or PAYE is the Standard amount (determined when entering the plan)**

Based on \$180k borrowed, PGY1 stipend of \$55,700, and a family size of 1. Numbers are estimates.



Repayment Plan Options

Traditional Repayment Plans

Income – Driven Repayment Plans

Standard

10 years

\$2,300

Direct and FFEL

Extended

25 years

\$1,300

Direct and FFEL

Graduated

10 years

\$1,000

Direct and FFEL

Income Contingent Repayment (ICR)

25 years

\$720

Direct only

Income-Based Repayment (IBR)

25 years

\$470

Direct and FFEL

Pay As You Earn (PAYE)

20 years

\$310

Direct only

Revised Pay As You Earn (REPAYE)

25 years

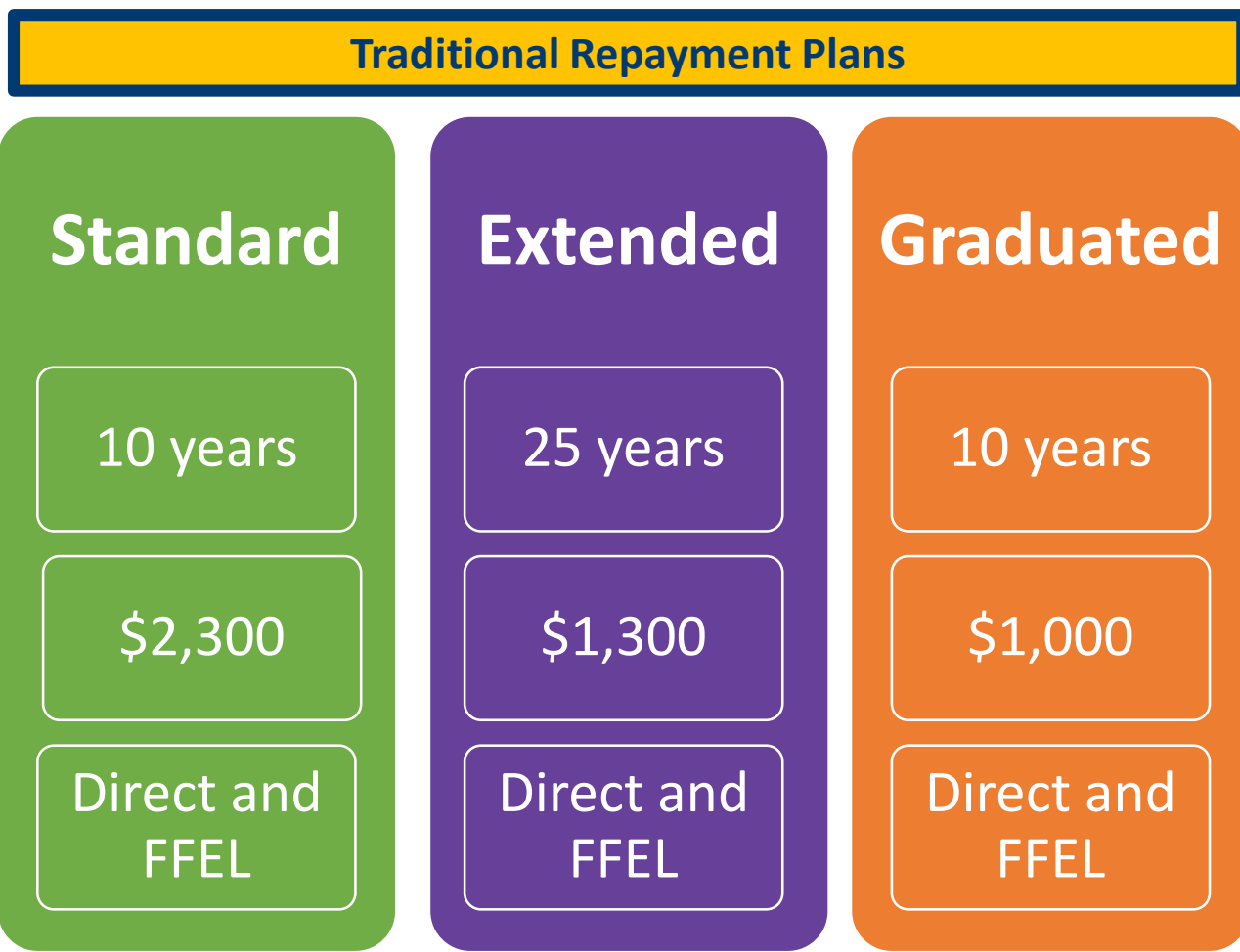
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Direct only

Based on \$180k borrowed. Income-Driven Plans use PGY1 stipend of \$55,700 and a family size of 1. Numbers are estimates.



Traditional Repayment Plans



Based on \$180k borrowed. Numbers are estimates.



Income – Driven Repayment Plans

Income – Driven Repayment Plans – Payments During Residency

Income Contingent Repayment (ICR)

25 years

\$720

Direct only

Income-Based Repayment (IBR)
Borrowed before 7/1/14

25 years*

\$470*

Direct and FFEL*

Pay As You Earn (PAYE)

20 years

\$310

Direct only

Revised Pay As You Earn (REPAYE)

25 years

\$310

Direct only

Numbers are based on PGY1 stipend of \$55,700, and a family size of 1. Numbers are estimates.
* New Direct Loan borrowers on or after July 1, 2014 that select IBR will see payment amounts equal to that of PAYE, and the repayment term will be up to 20 years.



PAYE

Income – Driven Repayment Plans

Pay

20 years

\$310

Direct only

As

Capitalized interest can't exceed 10% of original balance

Payments = 10% of disc. income, household size & AGI

Payment capped – won't be higher than Standard

You

After 20 years, remaining balance forgiven (but taxable)

Must have PFH

Spousal income used if filed jointly

Earn

Must be new borrower

No federal loan balance on 10/1/07

AND

Direct Loan disbursed on or after 10/1/11

Numbers are based on PGY1 stipend of \$55,700, and a family size of 1. Numbers are estimates.



REPAYE

Income – Driven Repayment Plans

Revised

25 years

\$310

Direct only

Pay

If monthly payment doesn't cover interest, only responsible for 50%

Payments = 10% of disc. income, household size & AGI

Payment CAN be higher than Standard

As

After 25 years, remaining balance forgiven (but taxable)

PFH NOT required

Spousal income ALWAYS used

You Earn

No new borrower requirement

Numbers are based on PGY1 stipend of \$55,700, and a family size of 1. Numbers are estimates.



IDR Plan Request Form

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INCOME-DRIVEN REPAYMENT PLAN REQUEST:

For the Revised Pay As You Earn (REPAYE), Pay As You Earn (PAYE), Income-Based (IBR), and Income-Contingent (ICR) repayment plans under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) and Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Programs

OMB No. 1845-0102
Form Approved
Exp. Date 10/31/2018

WARNING: Any person who knowingly makes a false statement or misrepresentation on this form or on any accompanying document is subject to penalties that may include fines, imprisonment, or both, under the U.S. Criminal Code and 20 U.S.C. 1097.

SECTION 1: BORROWER IDENTIFICATION

Please enter or correct the following information.

Check this box if any of your information has changed.

SSN _____ - _____ - _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone - Primary (_____) _____ - _____

Telephone - Alternate (_____) _____ - _____

Email (Optional) _____

SECTION 2: REPAYMENT PLAN OR RECERTIFICATION REQUEST

READ BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM:

- You can apply online at StudentLoans.gov. It is faster and easier to complete this form online.
- Income-driven repayment plans offer many benefits, but may not be right for everyone.
- You can learn more about these plans at StudentAid.gov/IDR and by reading Sections 9 and 10.
- It's simple to explore all of your repayment options at StudentAid.gov/repayment-estimator.
- You can find out which types of loans you have and who your loan holder or servicer is at nslds.ed.gov.
- If you need help completing this request, contact your loan holder or servicer for free assistance.
- You may have to pay income tax on any loan amount forgiven under an income-driven plan.

May submit application for income-driven repayment as early as 90 days before the end of grace.

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IDR Plan Request Form

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SECTION 4A: INCOME INFORMATION FOR SINGLE BORROWERS

8. Did you file a federal income tax return for either of the past two tax years?

- Yes - Continue to Item 9.
- No - Skip to Item 10.

9. Has your income significantly changed since you filed your last federal income tax return? For example, have you lost your job, gotten divorced, or experienced a drop in income?

- Yes - Continue to Item 10.
- No - Provide your most recent federal income tax return or transcript. Skip to Section 6.

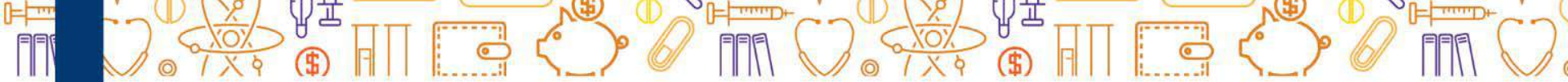
10. Do you currently have taxable income? Check "No" if you do not have any income or receive only untaxed income.

- Yes - Skip to Section 5.
- No - Skip to Section 6.

Remember, any person who makes a knowingly false statement or misrepresentation on this form may be subject to fines, imprisonment, or both.

Your answers determine what paperwork is requested.

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Dr. Primary Care

Career: Internal Medicine

Residency Length: 3 years

Starting Residency Stipend: \$55,700

Post Residency Starting Salary: \$190,000 (2016\$)

**Net Monthly Income: residency \$3,400
post residency \$10,000**



Repayment Example

3 Year Residency - **\$100,000** Loan Debt

Repayment Plan	Payment During Residency	Total Years Including Residency	Payment After Residency	Total Repayment Amount	Forgiven
Forbearance then Standard	\$0	13	\$1,500	\$180k	\$0
PAYE	\$310 - \$360	14	\$1,300	\$180k	\$0
REPAYE	\$310 - \$360	10	\$1,600 - \$1,800	\$160k	\$0

Numbers are based on PGY1 stipend of \$55,700, and a family size of 1. Salary after residency = \$190k. Numbers are estimates.



Repayment Example

3 Year Residency - **\$180,000** Loan Debt

Repayment Plan	Payment During Residency	Total Years Including Residency	Payment After Residency	Total Repayment Amount	Forgiven
Forbearance then Standard	\$0	13	\$2,700	\$324k	\$0
PAYE	\$310 - \$360	19	\$1,600 - \$2,300	\$380k	\$0
REPAYE	\$310 - \$360	18	\$1,600 - \$2,300	\$354k	\$0

Numbers are based on PGY1 stipend of \$55,700, and a family size of 1. Salary after residency = \$190k. Numbers are estimates.



Repayment Example

3 Year Residency - \$250,000 Loan Debt

Repayment Plan	Payment During Residency	Total Years Including Residency	Payment After Residency	Total Repayment Amount	Forgiven
Forbearance then Standard	\$0	13	\$3,900	\$462k	\$0
PAYE	\$310 - \$360	20	\$1,600 - \$2,300	\$404k (+ ~ \$79k)	\$237k (taxable)
REPAYE	\$310 - \$360	25	\$1,600 - \$2,700	\$556k (+ ~ \$34k)	\$102k (taxable)

Numbers are based on PGY1 stipend of \$55,700, and a family size of 1. Salary after residency = \$190k. Numbers are estimates.



Repayment Example

6 Year Residency - **\$100,000** Loan Debt

Repayment Plan	Payment During Residency	Total Years Including Residency	Payment After Residency	Total Repayment Amount	Forgiven
Forbearance then Standard	\$0	16	\$1,700	\$207k	\$0
PAYE	\$310 - \$450	18	\$1,300	\$205k	\$0
REPAYE	\$310 - \$450	9	\$4,400 - \$4,500	\$159k	\$0

Numbers are based on PGY1 stipend of \$55,700, and a family size of 1. Salary after residency = \$463k. Numbers are estimates.



Repayment Example

6 Year Residency - **\$180,000** Loan Debt

Repayment Plan	Payment During Residency	Total Years Including Residency	Payment After Residency	Total Repayment Amount	Forgiven
Forbearance then Standard	\$0	16	\$3,100	\$373k	\$0
PAYE	\$310 - \$450	19	\$2,300	\$392k	\$0
REPAYE	\$310 - \$450	11	\$4,400 - \$4,700	\$294k	\$0

Numbers are based on PGY1 stipend of \$55,700, and a family size of 1. Salary after residency = \$463k. Numbers are estimates.



Repayment Example

6 Year Residency - **\$250,000** Loan Debt

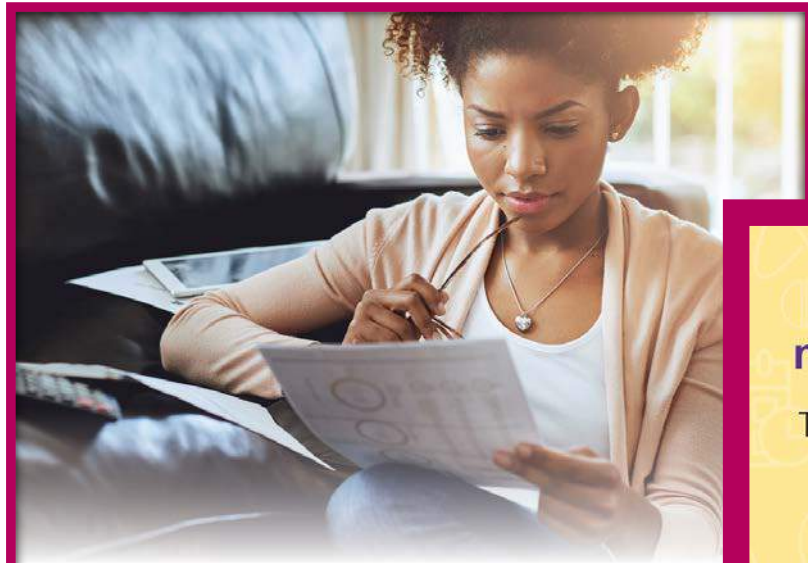
Repayment Plan	Payment During Residency	Total Years Including Residency	Payment After Residency	Total Repayment Amount	Forgiven
Forbearance then Standard	\$0	16	\$4,500	\$535k	\$0
PAYE	\$310 - \$450	20	\$3,300	\$574k (~ \$1,300)	\$4k (taxable)
REPAYE	\$310 - \$450	13	\$4,400 - \$5,100	\$441k	\$0

Numbers are based on PGY1 stipend of \$55,700, and a family size of 1. Salary after residency = \$463k. Numbers are estimates.



Determine the Impact

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**Know your numbers so you can
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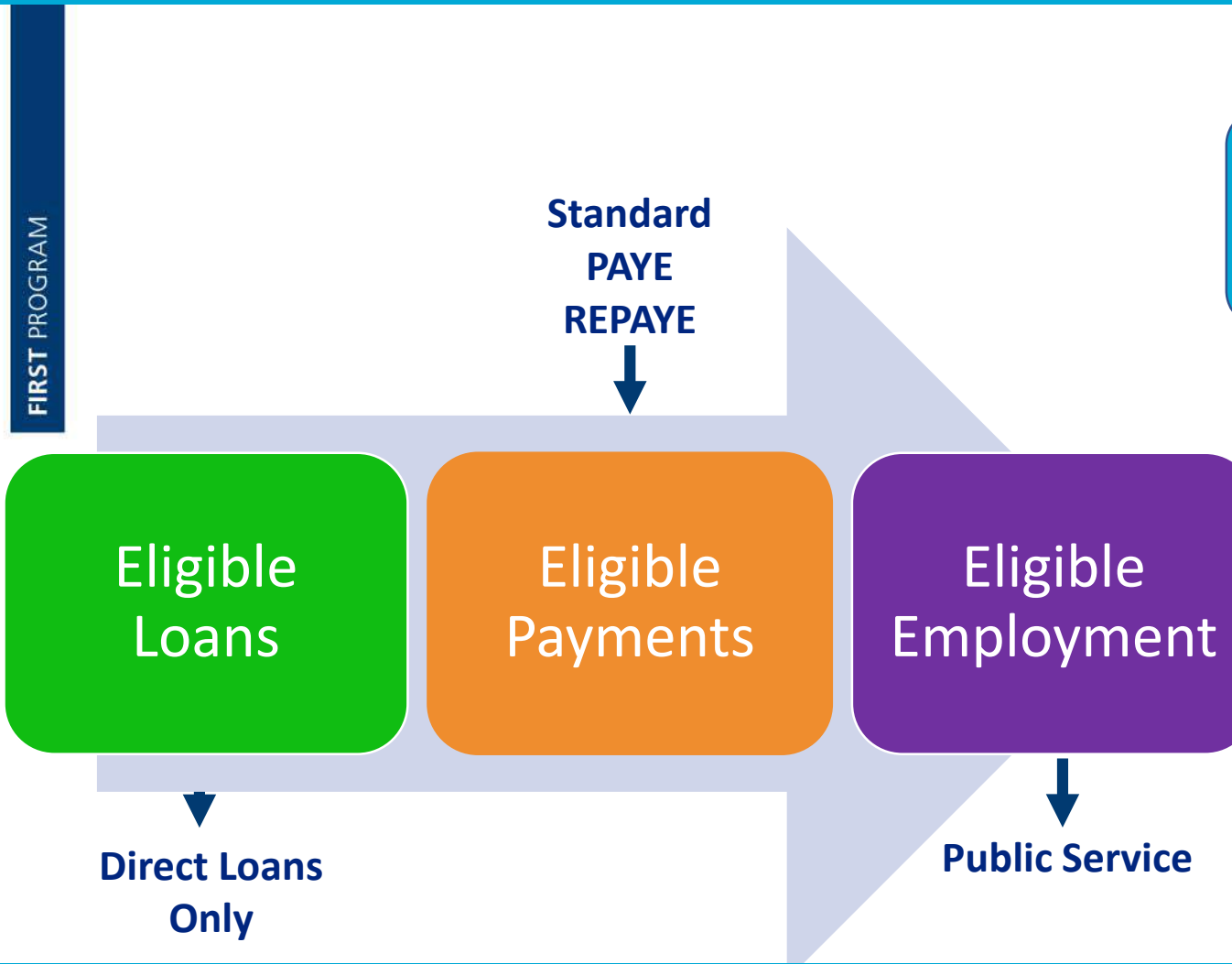
To see your repayment options quickly,
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Public Service Loan Forgiveness



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Loan Forgiveness



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PSLF Example - Dr. Pediatrician – Starting Salary \$160k

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PAYE
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\$208,200

**\$310-\$360 (3)
\$1,300-\$1,500 (7)**

Repays \$130K

**\$200k
Loan Forgiveness**



* Based on \$180k borrowed and a 3-year residency. Numbers are estimates.



Five Steps for PSLF

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Checklist for Public Service Loan Forgiveness



Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF): Eligibility and Action Plan

If you decide to work in public service, you may be eligible for federal student loan forgiveness after 10 years of full-time work. The information below outlines the qualifying components of the PSLF program, and a timeline of action to enter PSLF is included on page 48.

Five steps to ensure eligibility for Public Service Loan Forgiveness

- Step 1:** Request a qualifying repayment plan for your eligible loans (re-request annually).
- Step 2:** If necessary, consolidate eligible FFEL, LDS, and Perkins Loans into a Direct Consolidation Loan.
- Step 3:** Submit an Employment Certification Form (ECF) to FedLoan Servicing (resubmit annually).
- Step 4:** Make 120 qualifying payments while completing eligible work.
- Step 5:** Upon completion of requirements, apply with FedLoan Servicing for the actual forgiveness.

- organization, agency, or entity
- A branch of the military

Servicing (myfedloan.org). They are the servicer that oversees PSLF.

* Full-time work is considered to be 30 hours per week or the number of hours the employer considers to be full-time.

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Why Is PSLF Important to You?



SHARE YOUR STORY

Why did you decide to become a doctor, and why does Public Service Loan Forgiveness matter to you? **Share your story today — every submission helps us make the case for preserving PSLF.**

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Share your story:

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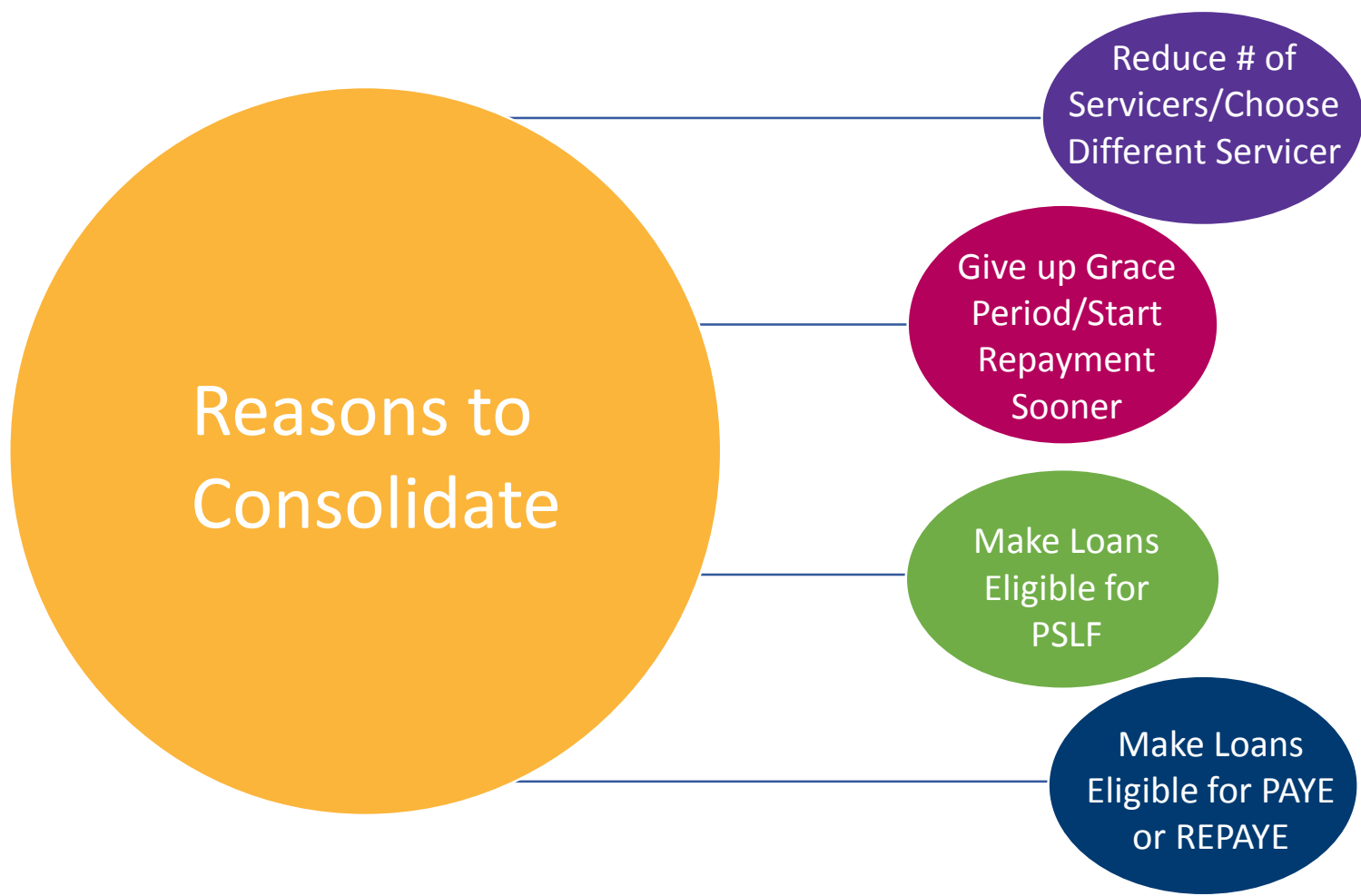


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Why Consolidate?

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Should You Consolidate?

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Should You Consider a Direct Consolidation Loan?

Are you wondering if consolidation is right for you? Answer these questions to find out.

1. Do you have multiple servicers for your federal student loans?

Yes

Yes, a consolidation with Direct Loans may offer you the much-needed benefit of simplification: one loan, one point of contact, and one payment. In fact, one of the top reasons medical residents consolidate is to simplify the management of their federal student loans during residency.

No

No, loan consolidation would not provide an obvious benefit in managing your loans.

2. Are you considering work in public service and Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF)?

Yes

Yes, a Direct Consolidation Loan may be necessary to make some of your debt eligible for this forgiveness program. You would NOT need to include all your loans in the consolidation. Only the federal loans that do not already have the word "Direct" in their name would need to be consolidated—since these are ineligible for PSLF in their current form. For a list of all your federal student loans, visit nslds.ed.gov.
(Note: Consolidation erases all prior payments that qualified for PSLF.)

No

No, loan consolidation would not provide an obvious benefit based on your career goals.

Possibly

Possibly . . . see the advice for those who answered "Yes" (to the left), and then strongly consider consolidation. This approach leaves your options open: in the end, you can choose between continuing on the path of consolidation or not.

5. Are you considering an income-driven repayment plan?

Yes

Yes, a Direct Consolidation may be needed to make some of your loans eligible for these repayment plans. Specifically, Perkins and LDS Loans are not eligible for income-driven repayment plans—so these loans would need to be consolidated to become eligible. Your federal student loans that do not have the word "Direct" in their name would need to be consolidated to gain eligibility for the PAYE/REPAYE repayment plans. For questions about eligibility, call your servicers.

No

No, loan consolidation would not provide an obvious benefit in regard to your repayment plan options.

6. After graduating, do you want to start making required payments as soon as possible?

Yes

Yes, although there is no way to forfeit or skip the grace period on federal student loans; when these loans are included in a Direct Consolidation Loan, any existing grace periods are gone/lost/forfeited . . . or "skipped" when the new consolidation loan is disbursed. Therefore, consolidation provides an unintended consequence that can benefit those seeking to begin repayment immediately (which may allow borrowers to obtain loan forgiveness four to six months earlier because the sooner you start making required payments, the earlier you are possibly able to reach forgiveness).

No

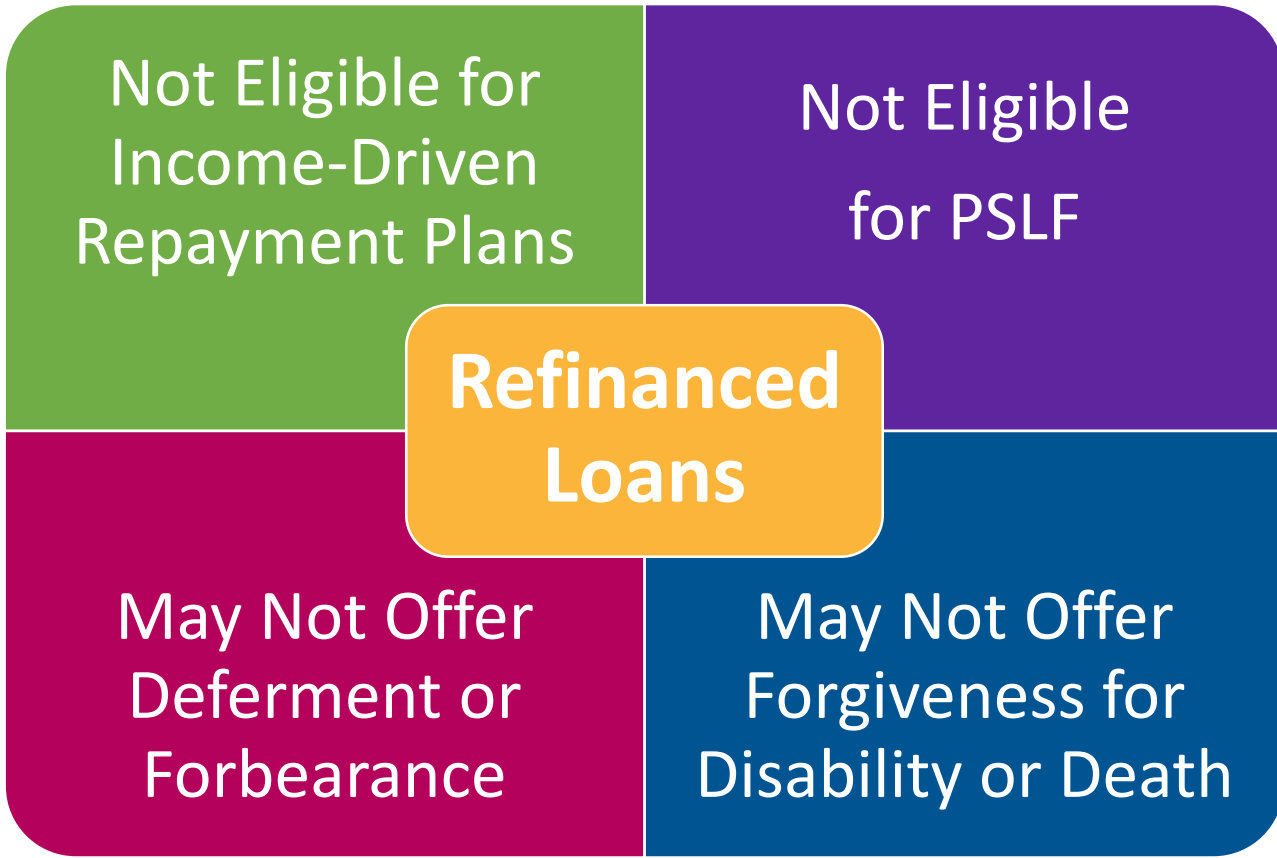
No, loan consolidation would not provide an obvious benefit to your financial situation. By not consolidating, you leave your grace period intact—allowing you the time you need to transition (financially and physically) out of medical school and into residency.

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Differences Between Consolidation and Refinancing

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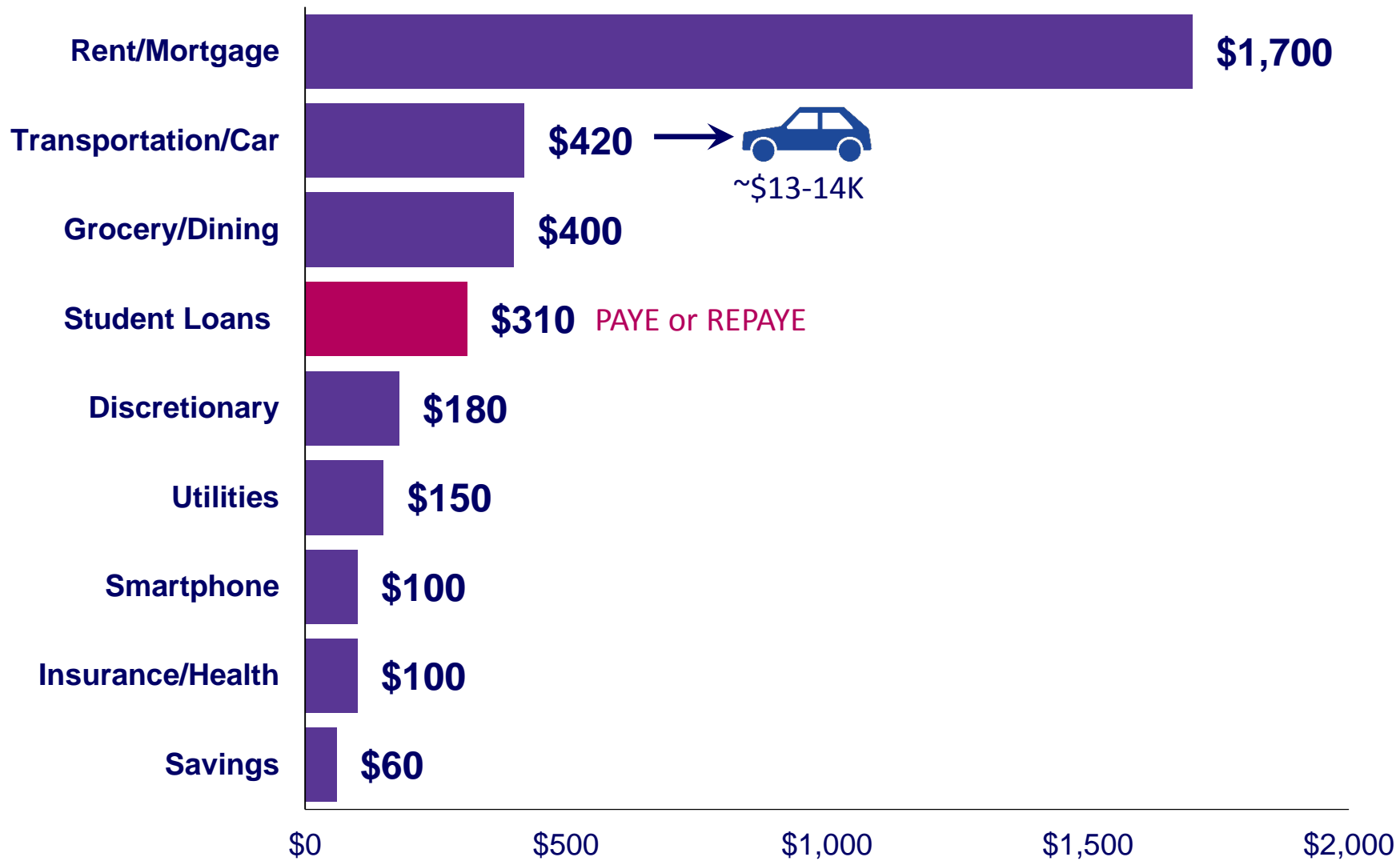
Are Payments Possible On Your Resident Salary?





Budgeting During Residency

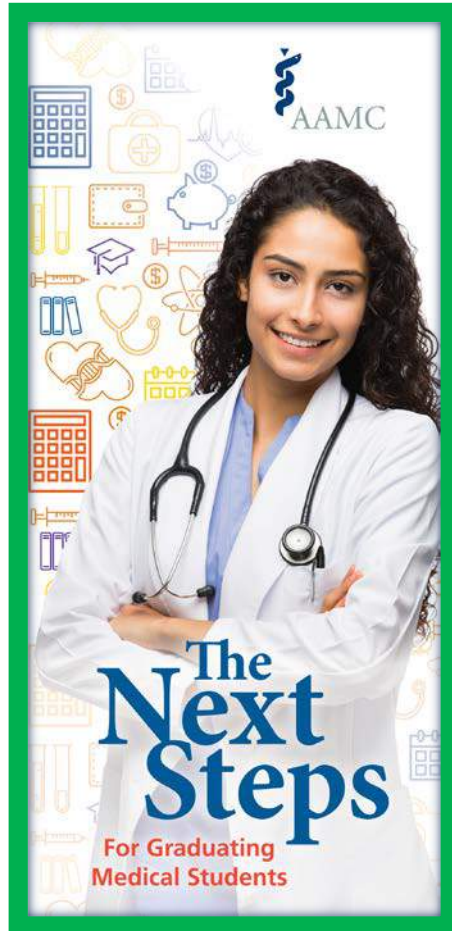
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Assumptions: ~\$3,420 per month after taxes, Social Security, Medicare, etc. Stipend = \$55,700, single resident, 2018 Grad

Wrap Up

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1 Organize Your Loans
Immediately

2 Manage Loans Without
a Grace Period
30 days before graduation

3 Consolidation Is an Option
Upon graduation

4 Complete the Employment
Certification Form (ECF)
When residency begins

5 Decide if You'll Pay
or Postpone Payments
Before the end of grace

6 Submit Annual
Recertification Paperwork
Before the end of the first year

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The AAMC's **FIRST** program provides financial information, resources, services, and tools for students and residents regarding debt management and student loan repayment.

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