

OMB Control Number: 0524-0050

Title of Clearance: Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program.

Agency Form Number affected by Change Worksheet: National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)

Form Number: NIFA 2-10 Personal Statement

Summary of Changes:

We would like to add the following language change to NIFA Form 02-10 Personal Statement:

Instructions (ALL TYPE I and TYPE II SHORTAGE APPLICANTS): Include a map (limit to one page) demonstrating where the shortage situation proposed to serve is in relation to the veterinary practice you will be working from. For mobile practices use the location where the day starts and stops. Any spatial features added to the map (e.g., circles, points, etc.) to highlight these areas may be handwritten.

We are adding this language in order to help applicants better demonstrate the logistics for filling their shortage without affecting the allotted space for writing and to help reviewers make better assessments of the applicants logistics. Currently applicants are restricted to just writing their logistical plans; however, this often does not provide an accurate representation of what the service area looks like and is even more challenging for reviewers not familiar with the geography.