## **Public Service Loan Forgiveness Update**

## Provided by Cambridge Credit Counseling

The Supreme Court's decision on 6/30/2023 to deny the Biden Administration's proposed \$10k/\$20k lump-sum loan forgiveness has absolutely no bearing on your eligibility for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program, nor does it in any way impact the Income Driven Repayment (IDR) payment adjustment opportunity that ends on 12/31/2023.

The PSLF program is available to every federal student loan borrower who works for a qualifying employer, including public schools, non-profit private schools, cities, towns, state government, 501(c)(3) organizations, etc. After you have made 120 payments on direct loans though an eligible repayment plan, your entire remaining federal student loan balance can be forgiven. The PSLF program is not impacted by the Supreme Court's decision.

The IDR payment adjustment opportunity that ends on 12/31/2023 allows federal loan holders to receive retroactive credit for payments made on ineligible loans or through an ineligible repayment plan. In essence, it is similar to last year's waiver in that it clears away two of the biggest obstacles that prevented individuals from receiving the loan forgiveness that had been promised. Like the PSLF program, the IDR payment adjustment opportunity is also not impacted by the Supreme Court's decision.

Cambridge Credit Counseling (the endorsed provider of the NYSUT Member Benefits student loan and credit counseling program) continues to offer free webinars and free counseling to those looking to take advantage of the IDR payment adjustment opportunity and qualify for the PSLF program – including those who may still be far short of 120 payments.

You can learn more by contacting Todd Friedhaber or Martin Lynch at Cambridge Credit Counseling directly at the contact information below:

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