

RURAL HEALTH CLINICS (RHC): FEDERAL SHORTAGE DESIGNATIONS & LINKED BENEFITS

	Geographic or Low-income pop. HPSA	Automatic facility HPSA for Certified RHCs	WI Governor's Shortage Area for RHCs	Medically Underserved Area (MUA)
Benefits & Uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CMS RHC certification – meets shortage designation requirement. - NHSC loan repayment – can meet shortage designation requirement depending on HPSA score. - WI Loan Assistance Program – can meet shortage designation requirement. - J-1 visa waivers to recruit foreign physicians. - HPSA covers all outpatient facilities within the HPSA service area and type (primary care, dental, mental health). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WI Loan Assistance Program – can meet shortage designation requirement. - J-1 visa waivers to recruit foreign physicians. - Auto-facility HPSA covers the specific CMS-certified RHC only. <p>No eligibility for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NHSC loan repayment (HPSA scores are too low). - CMS RHC certification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CMS RHC certification – meets shortage designation requirement. - Covers any RHC within the Governor's Shortage service area. <p>No eligibility for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NHSC loan repayment. - WI Loan Assistance program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CMS RHC certification – meets shortage designation requirement. - J-1 visa waivers to recruit foreign physicians. - HRSA Community Health Center grant applications. - Covers any RHC within the MUA service area. <p>No eligibility for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NHSC loan repayment. - WI Loan Assistance Program.
Designation Criteria & Score	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rational service area. - Population to physician ratio. - Contiguous areas are not available (HPSA, overutilized, excessively distant, different socio-economic population). - Travel time to nearest available care. - Valid for 3 years, then must be reviewed. - Score based on all criteria for HPSA service area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must already be a CMS certified RHC. - Serve Medicaid and accept Medicare assignment. - Sliding fees for low-income, uninsured. - Valid as long as certified RHC and meet financial access requirements. - Score based on primary care service area (population to physician ratio, % poverty, infant mortality, travel time to nearest available care). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rational service area. - Requesting RHC not located in a HPSA. - Must be rural. - Population to physician ratio. - Serve Medicaid and accept Medicare assignment. - Sliding fees for low-income, uninsured. - WI request must be approved by HRSA. - Valid for 3 years, then must be reviewed (same as HPSAs). - No score. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rational service area. - Index of medical underservice score \leq 62 (% poverty, % over 65, infant mortality, physicians/1,000 population). - No updates required as of January 2013.
How To Apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit an e-mail request to WI PCO (see web link on page 2 for instructions). - New requests are reviewed after all annual HPSA reviews are completed and as time allows. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit an RHC Certificate of Eligibility document for each RHC site to the federal Office of Shortage Designation. - See web link on page 2 for instructions, Certificate, and address information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit e-mail request to WI PCO (see web link on page 2 for instructions). - Priority is given to requests for existing certified RHCs not located in a HPSA, and requests are reviewed as time allows. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit an e-mail request to WI PCO (see web link below for instructions). - New requests are reviewed after all annual HPSA reviews are completed and as time allows.



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How To Locate List	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HRSA HPSAFind on-line database (see web link below). - Search by state and county for a list of all minor civil divisions/census tracts which are currently designated. - Search by street address for HPSA status. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HRSA HPSAFind on-line database (see web link below). - Search by state and county for a list of all minor civil divisions/census tracts and facilities which are currently designated (RHCs, health centers, tribal health centers). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - List of approved Governor's Designated areas will be added to WI PCO web page soon. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HRSA MUAFind on-line database (see web link below). - Search by state and county for a list of all minor civil divisions/census tracts which are currently designated, or search by street address for MUA/MUP status.

Web links for more information:

<p>Geographic or Low-income population HPSAs: To request a new HPSA, see directions on Wisconsin Primary Care Office (PCO) web page: http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/primarycare/RequestDesignation.htm To find designated HPSAs by state and by county or to check a street address: http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/shortage/shortageareas/index.html</p>	<p>Governor's Shortage Areas for RHCs: To request a new Governor's Shortage Area for RHCs from the Primary Care Office (PCO): http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/primarycare/RequestDesignation.htm A list of approved Governor's Shortage Areas for RHCs will be added to the Primary Care Office web page soon.</p>
<p>Auto-facility HPSA for certified RHCs: Instructions, Certificate of Eligibility, and address to submit applications: http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/shortage/hpsas/ruralhealthhpsa.html To find a list that includes auto-facility HPSAs by state and county: http://hpsafind.hrsa.gov/</p>	<p>Medically Underserved Areas: To request a new HPSA, see directions on Wisconsin Primary Care Office (PCO) web page: http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/primarycare/RequestDesignation.htm To find designated MUAs by state and county or to check a street address: http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/shortage/shortageareas/index.html</p>
<p>National Health Service Corps: Information and Wisconsin Primary Care Office (PCO) contact for technical assistance: http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/primarycare/ProviderRecruitmentandRetention.htm</p>	<p>Wisconsin Health Professions Loan Assistance Program: Application information and Wisconsin Office of Rural Health contact for technical assistance: http://www.worh.org/hplap_info</p>
<p>Certified Rural Health Clinic List for Wisconsin: Wisconsin Department of Health Services – Division of Quality Assurance – facility lists: http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/bqaconsumer/HealthCare/directories.htm</p>	