Wisconsin Dental Care HPSAs
Federally Designated Health Professional Shortage Areas
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* Data definitions in notes.
Map Notes:

• This map shows the defined areas that have been federally designated as Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas – dental HPSAs at the time of this publication.
• Dental HPSAs have significant shortages of dentists and meet the following criteria for federal designation:
  - Rational service area (e.g., county or cluster of towns or census tracts),
  - Percent of the population below poverty,
  - Population to dentist ratio, and
  - Contiguous area resources not available.
• The dentists who are counted include general and pediatric. Other dental providers are not required to be counted at this time.
• Low-income population HPSAs reflect a dentist shortage for the area’s population with family incomes below 200 percent of the federal poverty level and have a population to dentist ratio of ≥ 4,000 to 1.0 FTE.
• Data are not available to analyze eligibility for geographic dental HPSAs, which reflect a shortage of dentists for the general resident population in an area.
• Every low-income population HPSA must be reviewed and federally re-designated after three full years.
• This map does not show the other two types of federally designated HPSAs: facilities (e.g., state correctional facilities) or automatic safety net facilities (e.g., community health centers, tribal health centers, and certified rural health clinics).
• The Wisconsin Department of Health Services – Primary Care Office (PCO) collects data on Medicaid dental claims and dentists who provide sliding discounted fees to low-income populations and submits state applications to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for federal designation of HPSAs.
• The complete and most current list of all federally designated HPSAs is available on HRSA’s web page at:  http://hpsafind.hrsa.gov/
• This map was prepared by the Wisconsin PCO and contracted HPSA staff at the Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association.
• More information on HPSAs and the linked federal and state benefits is available on the Wisconsin PCO web page.  
  http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/health/primarycare/ShortageDesignation.htm