

Map Notes:

- This map shows the defined areas that have been federally designated as Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas – primary care HPSAs at the time of this publication.
- Primary Care HPSAs have significant shortages of primary care physicians 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 primary care physician ratio, and
 - Contiguous area resources not available.
- The primary care physicians who are counted include family medicine, general internal medicine, general pediatrics, general obstetrics/gynecology, and general practice. Other primary care providers are not required to be counted at this time.
- Geographic HPSAs reflect a physician shortage for the area's general resident population and have a population to physician ratio of $\geq 3,500$ to 1.0 FTE or higher. High need areas (with very high poverty, infant mortality, or insufficient capacity) can be designated with a ratio of $\geq 3,000$ to 1.0 FTE.
- Low-income population HPSAs do not meet the criteria for a shortage for the general population, but instead reflect a physician shortage for the area's population with family incomes below 200 percent of the federal poverty level and have a population to physician ratio of $\geq 3,000$ to 1.0 FTE.
- Every geographic and 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 clinic and physician data 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>