

SHORTAGE DESIGNATIONS AND UNDERSERVED AREAS

AN OVERVIEW

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Topics

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- ▶ How are areas of the state designated?

Primary Care Office (PCO)

**We work to improve access to
healthcare for underserved
populations**

**Health Professional
Shortage Areas (HPSAs)**



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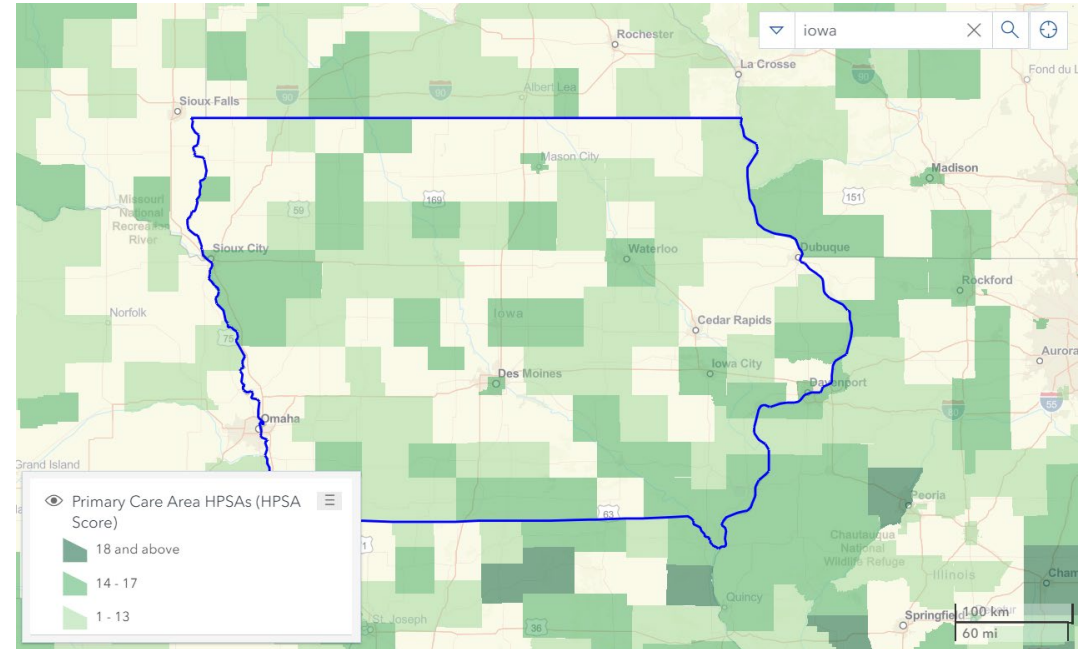
What are shortage designations?

Shortage Designations

Shortage designations help to identify areas or populations across the country that are experiencing a shortage of healthcare providers.

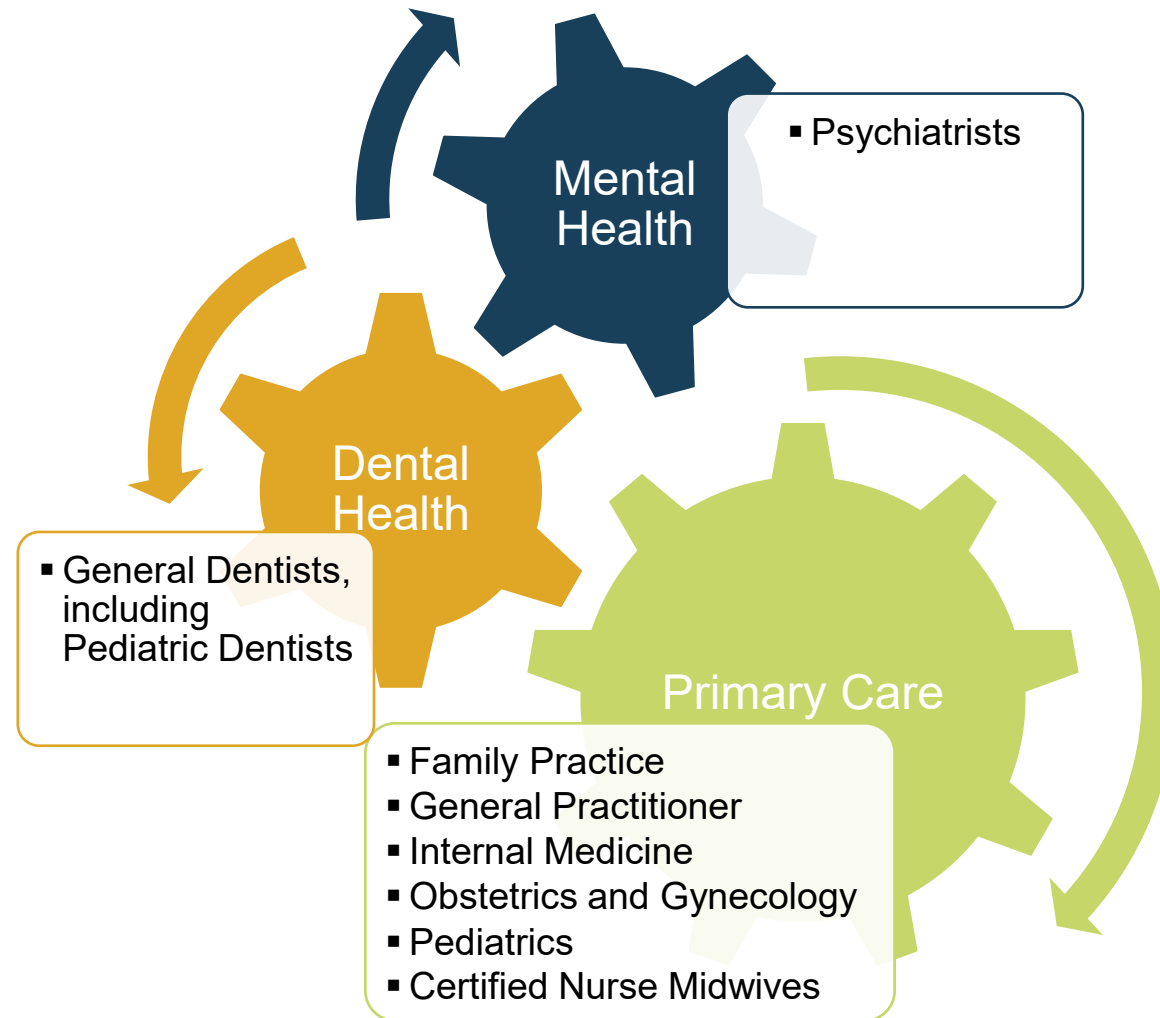
- ▶ HPSA's are delineated based on discipline and taxonomy.
- ▶ They are also associated with a specific geographic area, population or facility.

Primary Care Area HPSAs by Score



[Map Tool | HRSA Data Warehouse](#)

Disciplines and Taxonomies



Types of Designations

Geographic

- Looks at the entire population of a specified area.
- Can be at a multi-county, county, sub-county or census tract level.

Population

- Looks at a subset of the population in a specified area
- The most common example is a low income HPSA which targets areas where 30% or more of the population fall into the 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) bracket.

Maternity Care Target Area

- Subset of existing primary care designations.

Types of Designations

Medically Underserved Area/Population (MUA/MUP)

- Only considers the primary care discipline.
- Used for the Health Centers program, RHC certification and the J1 Visa Waiver program.
- Considered legacy designations and do not require updating by HRSA.

Governor-Designated Secretary Certified Shortage Areas for Rural Health Clinics

- Only used for the purpose of certification of Rural health clinics in areas without a current Primary Care HPSA.

Automatic Facility Designations (Auto-HPSAs)

- Automatically designated as HPSAs by statute or through regulation.
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and FQHC Look-A-Likes
- Indian Health Facilities
- IHS and Tribal Hospitals
- Dual-funded Community Health Centers/Tribal Clinics
- CMS-Certified Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) that meet National Health Service Corps (NHSC) site requirements

Why do we have shortage designations?

HPSA's Provide Access to Programs

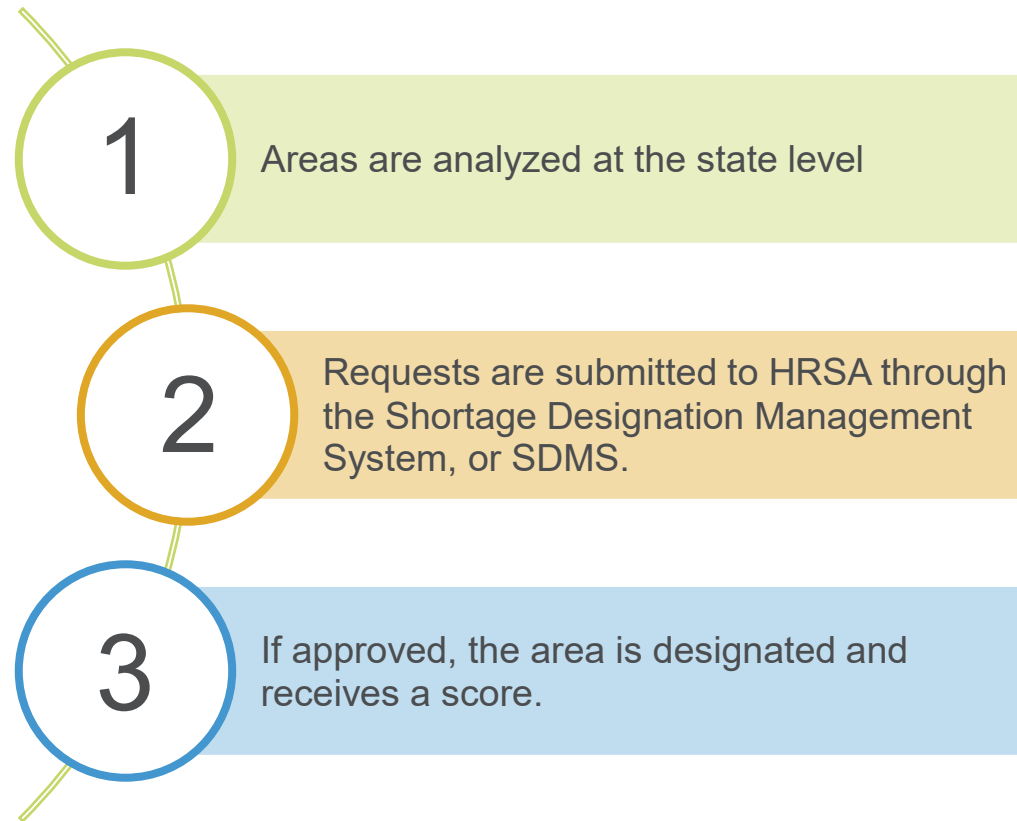
- ▶ HPSA's unlock access to a variety of programs that can incentivize providers to work in a specified area.
 - ▶ Each designation is given a score which helps to further prioritize funding.
- National Health Service Corps (NHSC)
 - Primary Care Provider Loan Repayment Program
 - Nurse Corps
 - Health Center Program
 - IHS Loan Repayment Program
 - Physician Health Professional Shortage Area Bonus Program
 - CMS Rural Health Clinic Program
 - J-1 Visa Waiver

How are areas of the state designated?

Designation Process

Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA's) are created by each state with approval of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

The process can take several months to complete.



Designation Process

Designations are created by analyzing select variables.

Examples:

- Birth Rate
- Fluoridation Rate
- Substance and Alcohol Use
- Federal Poverty Rate

How to locate your HPSA Score

The screenshot shows the 'HPSA ID Search' tool. On the left, there are dropdown menus for 'Select a State/Territory (required)' (set to Indiana) and 'Select County(s) (required)' (set to All Counties). Below these are filter options for 'HPSA Discipline' (Primary Care checked, Dental Health and Mental Health unchecked) and 'HPSA Status' (Designated checked, Proposed for Withdrawal unchecked). A 'Submit' button is located between the dropdowns and filters. On the right, a table displays search results with columns for Discipline, HPSA ID, HPSA Name, and Designation.

| Discipline | HPSA ID | HPSA Name | Designation |
|--------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Primary Care | 1185396043 | Owen County | Geogra |
| Primary Care | 1181872554 | Posey County | Geogra |
| Primary Care | 1185048045 | Putnam County | Geogra |
| Primary Care | 1187444099 | Randolph County | Geogra |
| Primary Care | 1186471309 | Stauben County | Geogra |
| Primary Care | 1182233139 | Sullivan County | Geogra |
| Primary | 1184646093 | Switzerland | Geogra |

HPSA Find

Search HPSA data by state and county (or counties). HPSA Find provides the type of HPSA (geographic, population, or facility-based), score, HPSA type, and other details. The tool allows users to filter, sort, and export the results.

Search HPSAs by State/County

The screenshot shows the 'Find Shortage Areas by Address' tool. It displays three entries for HPSAs in Iberville Parish, Louisiana. Each entry includes the HPSA name, ID, designation type, status, score, designation date, and last update date. A map on the right shows the location of the shortage area with a red pin. Below the map is a button to view an expanded map.

In a Dental Health HPSA: Yes
HPSA Name: Low Income-iberville Parish
ID: 6228620892
Designation Type: Hpsa Population
Status: Designated
Score: 18
Designation Date: 01/17/2013
Last Update Date: 11/24/2017

In a Mental Health HPSA: Yes
HPSA Name: Low Income-iberville Parish
ID: 7222058323
Designation Type: Hpsa Population
Status: Designated
Score: 16
Designation Date: 01/17/2013
Last Update Date: 10/27/2017

In a Primary Care HPSA: Yes
HPSA Name: Iberville Parish
ID: 1222614855
Designation Type: Hpsa Geographic
Status: Designated
Score: 17
Designation Date: 08/24/1979

Click on the image to see an expanded map view.

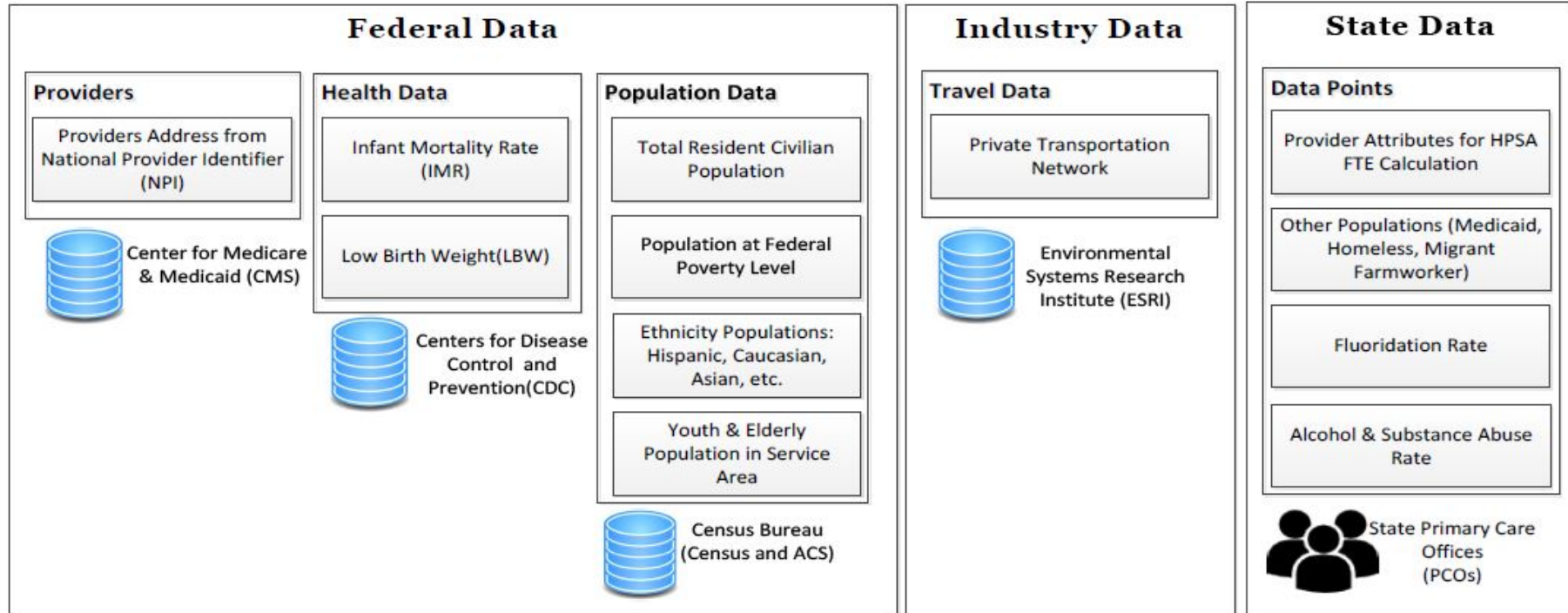
Find Shortage Areas by Address

Enter an address to determine if it is in a shortage area: Geographic or Population HPSA or MUA/P and the details about that shortage area. Results can be viewed as text or on a map.

Search Shortage Areas by Address

<https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/shortage-area>

Shortage Designation Management System Data Points



Questions

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