

**A Guide to  
Federal Health Professional Shortage Area and  
Medically Underserved Area/Population  
Designations in Washington State**

**Identifying needs for Washington State residents, including Medicaid and  
Medicaid Eligible populations**

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## **Introduction**

Washington struggles to maintain the number of health care providers needed to serve rural communities and underserved populations. This not only affects access to routine care, but it also impacts the health of many in our state. As a result, Congress and State Legislators created financial enhancements and other programs to increase access to care. A Health Professional Shortage Area and Medically Underserved Area or Population designation meets the initial eligibility requirements for several programs. Our office works with local partners and health jurisdictions to submit requests. We also offer education on shortage areas and other programs that increase access to care in underserved and rural areas.

## **Health Professional Shortage Areas**

The shortage area requirements are quite complex. An area can have a county or partial-county designation. Qualifications are typically met if the population to provider ratio exceeds the required threshold and if care is not available or are beyond capacity in the surrounding areas. The rules clearly outline which data to use, how to draw boundaries and how to verify if nearby resources are beyond capacity. There are several designations and types of designations to consider in the application process.

*Health Professional Shortage Areas are available for:*

- Primary care;
- Primary dental care; or
- Mental health care (psychiatrists only).

*There are five types of designations available:*

- Geographic: the entire population in the designated area is identified as underserved and resources are considered over-utilized.
- Population: an underserved population identified within a specific area. Eligible populations include:
  - Low-income: there must be at least 30% of the population at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.
  - Migrant farmworkers: migrant farmworkers and their non-farm working family members.
  - Native Americans: American Indians or Alaska natives that are not automatically designated.
  - Other populations that face access barriers due to language, cultural or disability barriers.
- Facility: a facility that is not in a designated area, but that serves residents located from a shortage area.
- Federally recognized tribes.
- Federal and state correctional facilities that are considered either a maximum or medium security facility.

### Medically Underserved Area and Medically Underserved Population

An underserved area or population is only available for primary medical care. They currently do not expire. Qualifications are determined on an index value that includes the infant mortality rate, the poverty rate, the percentage of elderly and the primary care physician to population ratios.

### Shortage Area and Underserved Area/Population Benefits

There are over 30 federal and state programs that use designations to establish initial eligibility. The following table summarizes requirements for some of the major programs used in our state. Each of the programs has additional requirements. Follow the links under the program title or review Appendix 1 at the end of this document to learn more.

**Table 1: Programs that use Designations to Establish Eligibility**

Program	Designation Type Required or Helpful	
	Professional Shortage Area	Underserved Area
<a href="#">New Federally Qualified Health Center</a>	Any are helpful	Required
<a href="#">New Rural Health Clinic</a>	Primary Care*	Any*
<a href="#">J-1 Visa Waiver Program</a>	Primary Care**	Whole County
<a href="#">HPSA Medicare Bonus Payments</a>	Geographic Primary or Mental Health Care***	N/A
<a href="#">National Health Service Corps</a>	Provider specific**	
<a href="#">State Loan Repayment and Scholarship</a>	Not Required	Not Required

\* Designation is valid until December 31 of the third calendar year from date of federal approval

\*\* There are some requirements to serve the designated population

\*\*\* Must be listed on the CMS HPSA/PSA website <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hpsapsaphysicianbonuses/>

### How do I get my Area Designated?

All designations are voluntary. We rely on local and state efforts to maintain the current system in our state. Our office coordinates the surveys to assess the eligibility of an area every 3 to 4 years. The survey completion process relies on local involvement in large urban counties. We coordinate with the local public health jurisdiction to:

- Administer the survey
- Bring those impacted to the table to provide education and direction on the appropriate strategy for the community

The Office of Community and Rural Health takes an active role to coordinate the process. We:

- Provide technical assistance and other tools to collect the data.
- Conduct assessments on what options are available.

- Work with communities to determine the best designation strategy.
- Prepare requests and updates for review.
- Follow up on the application submission.
- Notify those affected by any changes in the designation status
- Educate health care providers and the public on any changes in the federal rules or state programs and services to determine their impact on rural communities.

Please contact Laura Olexa at 360-236-2811 or email [Laura.Olexa@doh.wa.gov](mailto:Laura.Olexa@doh.wa.gov) for more information.

The Federal Designation Branch administers these programs. Their role includes:

- To set the rules and procedures.
- To review and approve all requests.
- To notify states of their final decisions.

They do not rule on whether or how a specific program uses the shortage area designation to establish eligibility. Eligibility requirements for federal programs are established by Congress and administered by federal agencies.

You can contact the Federal Designation Branch at:

Office of Shortage Designation  
 Health Resources and Services Administration  
 5600 Fishers Lane  
 Parklawn Building, Room 9A-18  
 Rockville, Maryland 20857  
 301-594-0816 (Office number)  
 1-888-275-4772 (General information.)  
 301-443-4370 FAX  
<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/shortage/>

### **How Long will it take to Complete?**

The length of time it takes can vary. It can take anywhere from three months to 10 months to complete depending on the size of county and if it is either a new designation or a renewal. The speed of the process is impacted by local interest, provider participation and available staff resources within our office. The renewal process begins 8 to 12 months before it expires to ensure it is completed by the deadline. It generally takes our office 2 to 6 weeks after all of the data is received to complete the designation requests.

The federal review process is quite longer. This can take 3 to 5 months to complete. An approval letter is sent to our office once the designation is approved. All designations are also posted on their website, but there is a lag time between the letter and the posting online. We notify affected organizations of any changes in status as soon as the information becomes available. Please be sure to check eligibility requirements when applying for any programs. Some programs do require that the information be posted online.

### **When will my Facility be Eligible for the Benefits?**

The Medicare Bonus Payment program requires that the designation is listed on the CMS HPSA/PSA website <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hpsapsaphysicianbonuses/>. Payment will be made automatically for whole county *Geographic* designations. Areas with partial-county designations may need to bill using the appropriate billing code.

Programs that are administered by the Bureau are effective from the date of the approval letter. They expire when a designation is officially withdrawn. Some of the programs include the National Health Service Corps, Rural Health Clinic certification and other health profession training grants.

Designations are automatically withdrawn if an update is not submitted by October of the fourth year from the approval date. Areas will continue to be eligible for these programs while renewal requests are under federal review.

### **Is my Facility Located in a Designated Area?**

Shortage area designations are listed in Tables 2 through 4 at the end of this document. Medically Underserved designations are in Table 5. We recommend you check the CMS HPSA/PSA website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hpsapsaphysicianbonuses> or contact us if the approval date is within three years or if there is a notation in the column headed “Application to HRSA” to verify there is a current designation.

The designation tables include the Federal ID number and the score as well as the location information. The Federal ID number needs to be provided when grants or programs ask for a designation or an ID number. The National Health Service Corp uses the score to prioritize areas with the highest unmet need.

Partial-county designations are defined using 2004 census tract boundaries. Designated census tracts are listed in the table column titled “Geographic Units”. We suggest using either the federal geocoding system <http://www.ffiec.gov/Geocode/default.aspx> or the Department of Health’s geocoding website <http://ww4.doh.wa.gov/gis/mapping.htm> to determine if a facility is located in a designated area. Washington State shortage area and underserved area maps are available for review on the [Health Care Infrastructure Mapping Website](#). The maps are only updated on a yearly basis and may not reflect the most recent status of an area.

### **Is the Data an Accurate Measure of Access to Health Care?**

No. Our office does not recommend the use of this data as the sole source of information to complete assessments on access to care in the community. The data provides limited scope and is not an adequate picture of the current system. Please see the [Health Care Access Research Website](#) for information on access to care.

### **Activity Digest**

A list of counties receiving HPSA designations from July 2011 to September 2011. The HPSA Activity Digest is available at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/ocrh/HPSA/hpsa1.htm>

**Table 2  
PRIMARY CARE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREAS  
BY COUNTY**

County	Additional County	Primary Care Designation Type	Service Area Name	Geographic Units (Ct = census tracts)	Approval Date	Application to HRSA	Federal ID.	HRSA Score
Adams		Low-Income	Adams County	Entire County	6/19/2010		530N	12
Asotin		Low-Income/Homeless	Asotin County	Entire County	8/18/2011		53G6	17
Benton	Franklin	Low-Income/Migrant/ Homeless	Benton and Franklin County	Entire County	5/17/2007	Submitted 8/5/2011	531F	11
Chelan	Douglas	Migrant/Seasonal	Chelan and Douglas County	Entire County	4/6/2009		5325	17
Clallam	Jefferson	Geographic	Clallam: Neah Bay, Forks, Jefferson: West End	Clallam: Ct:9801- 9804; Jefferson: Ct: 9501	3/16/2009		5333	11
Clallam		Low-Income/Homeless	Port Angeles/Sequim-Elwah	Ct. 9806-9821, 9823	4/5/2011		5359	12
Clark		Low-Income/Migrant/Homeless	Central Vancouver	Cts: 407.03, 407.06, 410.02-410.03, 410.05, 410.07, 410.09, 411.04-411.05, 411.07-411.10, 412.01, 412.03, 412.05-412.06, 413.12-413.14, 413.17-413.18, 413.20, 413.22-413.23, 416-421, 423-431	1/13/2011		530C	8
Clark		Low-Income	Camas	Cts: 405.07, 405.09, 414-415	9/29/2010		530B	10
Clark		Geographic	Northern Clark County: Amboy, Yacolt, La Center, Ridgefield	Cts: 401.01-401.02,402.01-402.03,403	3/18/2011		53D5	11
Columbia		Low-Income/Migrant	Columbia County	Entire County	2/2/2011		530Z	8
Cowlitz		Low-Income/Migrant/Homeless	Cowlitz County	Entire County	9/6/2011		531C	9
Douglas		See Chelan						
Ferry		Geographic	Ferry County	Entire County	12/7/2010		153019	11
Franklin		See Benton						
Garfield		Geographic	Garfield County	Entire County	9/22/2008		153023	14
Grant		Geographic	Lower Grant County- Royal City/Mattawa (aka Southern Slopes)	Ct: 9814	1/4/2008		5335	15
Grant	Okanogan	Geographic	Upper Grant County (Grand Coulee to Nespelem, Okanogan County)	Cts: Grant: 9801, Okanogan: 9701	1/4/2008		5337	10
Grant		Migrant/Seasonal	Central Grant County (Moses Lake, Soap Lake, George, Ephrata, Quincy, Warden)	Cts: 9802- 9813	1/4/2008		531R	14
Grays Harbor		Low-Income/Migrant	Grays Harbor County	Entire County	1/12/2009		532L	8
Island		Geographic	Island County	Entire County	8/25/2011		153029	13
Jefferson		Geographic	Port Townsend, Quilcene Bay	Cts: 9502.01- 9502.02, 9503 – 9505, 9506.01, 9506.02	8/30/2011		53G7	10
Jefferson		See Clallam						
King		No Designation						

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Kitsap		Low-Income/Migrant/Homeless	Bremerton/Port Orchard	Cts: 801.01- 801.02, 802-812, 814, 919, 921- 927, 928.01-928.03, 929.01-929.02	10/7/2010		5379	9
Kittitas		Low-Income/Migrant/Homeless	Kittitas County	Entire County	2/15/2008		53H6	15
Klickitat		Migrant/Seasonal	Klickitat County	Entire County	3/28/2008		530P	12
Lewis		Geographic	Morton Service Area	Cts: 9717-9720	10/5/2011		5356	12
Lewis		Low-Income/Migrant/Homeless	West Lewis County (Centralia, Chehalis, Winlock, Pe Ell)	Cts: 9701-9716	7/16/2007	Submitted 6/23/2011	5381	10
Lincoln		Low-Income	Lincoln County	Entire County	12/6/2010		530M	14
Mason		Geographic	Mason County	Entire County	1/27/2010		153045	10
Okanogan		Geographic	West Okanogan County (Twisp, Winthrop Service Area)	Cts: 9709, 9710	9/21/2010		5363	14
Okanogan		Low-Income	North Okanogan County (Oroville, Tonasket, Wauconda)	Cts: 9703, 9704	10/7/2010		5388	16
Okanogan		Low-Income	Central Okanogan County (Omak, Conconully, Riverside, Okanogan)	Cts: 9705 - 9707	10/7/2010		5324	9
Okanogan		Low-Income/Migrant	South Okanogan County (Brewster, part Colville Res.)	Cts: 9702, 9708	10/7/2010		532U	15
Okanogan		See Grant						
Pacific		Low-Income/Migrant/ Homeless	Pacific County	Entire County	1/4/2008		533J	7
Pend Oreille		Low-Income	Pend Oreille County	Entire County	12/7/2010		53PC	15
Pierce		Geographic	Longbranch	Cts: 726.01- 726.03	6/20/2011		5316	12
Pierce		Geographic	Buckley	Cts: 701, 702.03- 702.07, 703.10- 703.11, 704.01- 704.02 (this designation no longer includes Enumclaw)	6/20/2011		530V	10
Pierce		Geographic	Eatonville/Roy	Cts: 730.01, 730.05- 730.06, 731.17, 731.19, 732	6/7/2011		530U	10
San Juan		Geographic	San Juan Island	Cts: 9603, 9604	3/5/2010		532D	15
San Juan		Geographic	Lopez Island	Ct: 9605	2/13/2008		531N	8
San Juan		Geographic	Orcas Island	Ct. 9601	3/8/2010		531M	15
Skagit		Geographic	East Skagit: Concrete Service Area	Ct: 9511	2/13/2008		5314	9
Skamania		Geographic	Skamania County	Entire County	12/6/2010		153059	13
Snohomish		Geographic	Skykomish Service Area: Sultan, Gold Bar, Index	Cts: 538.01-538.03	3/24/2011		532M	10
Snohomish		Geographic	Darrington	Ct: 0537	3/24/2011		5334	9

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Snohomish		Geographic	Tulalip	Ct 530.01, 530.02	9/13/2007	Submitted 6/15/2011	53G8	9
Snohomish		Low-Income/Homeless	North Everett	Cts: 401-408	3/24/2011		532W	6
Spokane		Geographic	Deer Park/Colbert	Cts: 102.01- 102.02, 103.01, 103.03-103.05	11/5/2010		532X	8
Spokane		Geographic	Rockford Service Area	Cts: 143	3/28/2008		5358	11
Stevens		Low-Income	Stevens County	Entire County	11/6/2008		532V	14
Thurston		Geographic	South Thurston	Rochester, Tenino, Yelm		New Submission 7/28/2011		
Thurston		Migrant/Seasonal Farm Worker	North Thurston	Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater		New Submission 7/28/2011		
Wahkiakum		Geographic	Wahkiakum County	Entire County	4/13/2010		153069	20
Walla Walla		Migrant/Seasonal	Walla Walla County	Entire County	10/08/2008		5344	13
Whatcom		Low-Income/Migrant/Homeless	Whatcom County	Entire County	2/16/2011		532T	8
Whitman		Geographic	West Whitman County	CCD: Rock Lake (0009), La Cross (0010)	9/3/2010		5350	15
Whitman		Geographic	Northeast Whitman County	CCD: Rosalia (0009), Steptoe (0007), Tekoa (0009)	9/3/2010		530Q	12
Whitman		Low-Income/Migrant/Homeless	East Whitman County	CCD: Colfax-Palouse (0008), Pullman (0001- 0006) and Uniontown (0010)	9/29/2010		531G	17
Yakima		Migrant/Seasonal	Yakima County	Entire County	1/17/2008		5394	18

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**Table 3**  
**DENTAL CARE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREAS**  
**BY COUNTY**

County	Additional County	Dental Care Designation Type	Service Area Name	Geographic Units (Ct = census tracts)	Approval Date	Application to HRSA	Federal ID.	HRSA Score
Adams		Low-Income/Homeless	Adams County	Entire County	6/21/2011		53F4	12
Asotin		Low-Income/Migrant/Homeless	Asotin County	Entire County	9/6/2011		53F5	9
Benton	Franklin	Low-Income/Migrant	Benton and Franklin Counties	Entire County	9/14/2010		5320	20
Chelan	Douglas	Migrant/Seasonal	Chelan and Douglas Counties	Entire County	3/19/2010		5324	15
Clallam	Jefferson	Geographic	West Side Olympic Peninsula	Cts:West Clallam: 9801-9804, 9806 West Jefferson: 9501	7/2/2010		5341	17
Clallam		Low-Income	Port Angeles and Sequim	Cts: 9807 - 9823	2/22/2011		5352	18
Clark		No Designation						
Columbia	Walla Walla	Low-Income/Migrant/Homeless	Columbia and Walla Walla County	Entire County	9/22/2011		5321	16
Cowlitz		Low-Income/Homeless	Cowlitz County	Entire County	2/2/2011		5348	13
Douglas		See Chelan						
Ferry		Geographic	Ferry County	Entire County	4/21/2009		653019	18
Franklin		See Benton						
Garfield		Low-Income/Homeless	Garfield County	Entire County	9/22/2011		5357	15
Grant		Geographic	Lower Grant County -(Royal City, Mattawa)	Ct: 9814	9/29/2010		5351	16
Grant		Migrant/Seasonal	Upper and Central Grant County (Grand Coulee, Moses Lake, Warden, George, Quincy)	Cts: 9801 - 9813	9/29/2010		5323	15
Grays Harbor		Low-Income	Grays Harbor	Entire County	3/15/2011		5349	17
Island		Low-Income	North Whidbey Island (Oak Harbor)	Cts: 9701-9709	9/24/2010		5346	11
Jefferson		See Clallam						
King		No Designation						
Kitsap		No Designation						
Kittitas		Low-Income/Migrant/Homeless	Kittitas County	Entire County	3/29/2007	Submitted 7/18/2011	5354	18
Klickitat		Low-Income/Migrant	Klickitat County	Entire County	2/14/2011		5336	18
Lewis		Low-Income	Lewis County	Entire County	3/16/2011		5398	14
Lincoln		Low-Income	Lincoln County	Entire County	2/2/2011		5353	18
Mason		Low-Income	Mason County	Entire County	2/22/2011		5394	12
Okanogan		Low-Income	Okanogan County	Entire County	9/29/2010		5387	18
Pacific		Low-Income	Pacific County	Entire County	9/29/2010		5385	15
Pend Oreille		Geographic	Pend Oreille County	Entire County	8/24/2010		653051	18
Pierce		No Designation						
San Juan		Geographic	San Juan County	Entire County	1/12/2010		653055	11
Skagit		Low-Income/Homeless	Central Skagit	Cts: 9508-9509, 9513-9519, 9522-9527	10/7/2010		5322	13

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County	Additional County	Dental Care Designation Type	Service Area Name	Geographic Units (Ct = census tracts)	Approval Date	Application to HRSA	Federal ID.	HRSA Score
Skagit		Geographic	Concrete	Cts: 9510 - 9512	9/29/2010		5391	14
Skamania		Low-Income	Skamania County	Entire County	12/2/2010		5397	13
Snohomish		Geographic	Darrington	Cts: 535.06, 537	2/8/2011		5392	14
Spokane		Low-Income/Homeless	Spokane County	Entire County	4/16/2008		5318	9
Stevens		Low-Income	Stevens County	Entire County	3/18/2009		5381	17
Thurston		No Designation						
Wahkiakum		Geographic	Wahkiakum County	Entire County	9/29/2010		653069	7
Walla Walla	See Columbia							
Whatcom		Low-Income	Whatcom County	Entire County	9/29/2010		5390	9
Whitman		Low-Income/Migrant/Homeless	Whitman County	Entire County	9/22/2011		5356	20
Yakima		Low-Income/Migrant	Yakima County	Entire County	9/29/2010		5386	18

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**Table 4**  
**MENTAL CARE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREAS**  
**BY COUNTY**

County	Additional County	Mental Care Designation Type	Service Area Name	Geographic Units (Ct = census tracts)	Approval Date	Application to HRSA	Federal ID.	HRSA Score
Adams		Geographic	Adams County	Entire County	9/29/2010		753001	11
Asotin		Geographic	Asotin County	Entire County	5/11/2011		753003	17
Benton	Franklin	Geographic	Benton & Franklin County	Entire County	9/29/2010		5315	11
Chelan	Douglas	Geographic	Chelan & Douglas County	Entire County	9/3/2010		5302	17
Clallam		Geographic	Clallam County	Entire County	4/7/2010		753009	9
Clark		Migrant/Seasonal	Clark County	Entire County	12/22/2008		5395	9
Columbia		Geographic	Columbia County	Entire County	11/22/2010		753013	9
Cowlitz	Wahkiakum	Low-Income	Cowlitz & Wahkiakum County	Entire County	9/29/2010		5322	11
Douglas	See Chelan							
Ferry		Geographic	Ferry County	Entire County	8/19/2010		753019	9
Franklin		See Benton						
Garfield		Geographic	Garfield County	Entire County	11/22/2010		753023	9
Grant		Geographic	Grant County	Entire County	9/29/2010		753025	16
Grays Harbor		Geographic	Grays Harbor County	Entire County	3/15/2011		753027	17
Island		Geographic	Island County	Entire County	9/29/2010		753029	16
Jefferson		Geographic	Jefferson County	Entire County	1/21/2010		753031	15
King		No Designation						
Kitsap		Geographic	Kitsap County	Entire County	2/13/2008		753035	12
Kittitas		Geographic	Kittitas County	Entire County	3/28/2008		753037	15
Klickitat		Geographic	Klickitat County	Entire County	4/8/2010		753039	15
Lewis		Geographic	Lewis County	Entire County	3/22/2010		753041	12
Lincoln		Geographic	Lincoln County	Entire County	3/19/2010		753043	11
Mason		Geographic	Mason County	Entire County	3/22/2010		753045	8
Okanogan		Geographic	Okanogan County	Entire County	9/29/2010		753047	19
Pacific		Geographic	Pacific County	Entire County	9/3/2010		753049	11
Pend Oreille		Geographic	Pend Oreille County	Entire County	9/29/2010		753051	14
Pierce		No Designation						
San Juan		Geographic	San Juan County	Entire County	5/13/2011		753055	15
Skagit		Geographic	Skagit County	Entire County	3/28/2008		753057	14
Skamania		Geographic	Skamania County	Entire County	12/7/2010		753059	13
Snohomish		No Designation						
Spokane		Geographic	Spokane County	Deer Park Cts: 101, 102.01- 102.02, 103.01, 103.03-103.05	2/8/2011		5356	17

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**Table 4**  
**MENTAL CARE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREAS**  
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County	Additional County	Mental Care Designation Type	Service Area Name	Geographic Units (Ct = census tracts)	Approval Date	Application to HRSA	Federal ID.	HRSA Score
Spokane		Low-Income/Homeless	Spokane County	Downtown Spokane Cts: 0001-0021, 0023-0026, 0028-0033, 0035-0036, 0038-0048, 105.01, 105.03-105.04, 106.01-106.02, 107-123, 125-126, 127.01-127.02	6/22/2011		5359	18
Spokane		Geographic	Spokane County	Southeast Spokane County, Cts: 49, 50, 124.01-124.02, 128.01-128.02, 129.01-129.02, 130-135, 143.	6/3/2011		5357	17
Spokane		Geographic	Spokane County	Southwest Spokane County Cts: 104.01-104.02, 136-142.	2/17/2011		5358	15
Stevens		Geographic	Stevens County	Entire County	2/23/2009		753065	16
Thurston		Geographic	Thurston County	Entire County	9/29/2010		753067	13
Wahkiakum		See Cowlitz						
Walla Walla		Geographic	Walla Walla County	Entire County	11/29/2010		753071	16
Whatcom		Low-Income/Migrant	Whatcom County	Entire County	6/30/2011		5323	16
Whitman		Geographic	Whitman County	Entire County	12/7/2010		753075	16
Yakima		Geographic	Yakima County	Entire County	4/16/2008		753077	17

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**Table 5  
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES**

<b>Correctional Facility Name</b>	<b>Primary Care</b>	<b>Dental Care</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>
<b>Airway Heights Corrections</b>	8/20/2007 – 531H (15) Submitted 8/12/2011	8/20/2007 – 53A3 (9) Submitted 8/15/2011	10/8/2009 – 5326 (15) Submitted 8/12/2011
<b>Clallam Bay Corrections Center</b>	8/10/2007 – 5399 (15) Submitted 8/10/2011	10/27/2009 – 53A2 (21)	10/8/2009 – 5317 (21)
<b>Correctional Center for Women (Purdy)</b>	10/20/2009 – 5357 (15)	10/27/2009 – 5329 (21)	8/10/2007 – 5362 (15) Submitted 8/15/2011
<b>Coyote Ridge Corrections Center</b>	7/6/2009 – 53M4 (21)	11/13/2009 – 5333 (21)	11/10/2009 – 5321 (21)
<b>Monroe Correctional Complex (TRU, SOU and WSRU)</b>	6/26/2007 – 531B (15) Submitted 8/10/2011	3/19/2010 – 5362 (3)	3/19/2010 – 5311 (9)
<b>Stafford Creek Corrections</b>	9/13/2007 – 531Q (21) Submitted 8/10/2011	11/12/2010 – 5363 (15)	1/12/2010 – 5327 (21)
<b>WA Corrections Center</b>	8/10/2007 – 5361 (15) Submitted 8/10/2011	8/10/2007 – 5331 (15) Submitted 8/12/2011	10/21/2009 – 5312 (21)
<b>WA State Penitentiary</b>	10/22/2007 – 5376 (9) Submitted 8/12/2011	10/27/2009 – 5330 (21)	9/13/2007 – 5314 (15) Submitted 8/15/2011
(#) = Score			
** No longer meets federal eligibility requirements			

**Table 6  
MUA/MUP DESIGNATIONS**

County	Designation Type	Service Area Name	Geographic Units	Federal ID.	HRSA Score	Designation Date
Adams	MUA	Othello Service Area	Cts: 9503 - 9505	03699	59.1	5/11/1994
Asotin	MUA	Asotin County	Entire County	03664	53.1	4/12/1994
Benton	No Designation					
Chelan	No Designation					
Clallam	MUA	Clallam Bay-Neah Bay Davison Service Area	Cts: 9801 - 9804	03693	58.1	4/15/1982
Clallam	MUP	Low-Income - Port Angeles/Sequim Area	Cts 9806 - 9823	07145	56.7	2/15/2002
Clark	MUA	Inner City Vancouver Service Area	Cts 410.05, 416-419, 421, 423-429	03691	62.3	5/27/1993
Columbia	MUA	Columbia County	Entire County	03665	57.9	11/1/1978
Cowlitz	MUA	Kelso City Service Area	Cts 10, 11	03686	54.0	8/3/1993
Cowlitz	MUA	Cowlitz Service Area: Castle Rock	Ct: 20.01	03666	54.6	11/1/1978
Douglas	MUA	Douglas County	Entire County	03667	59.9	8/14/1984
Ferry	MUA	Ferry County	Entire County	03668	58.1	6/4/1982
Franklin	MUA	Franklin County	Entire County	03669	42.7	9/10/1982
Garfield	MUA	Pomeroy Service Area	Ct: 9702	07048	60.9	7/5/1994
Grant	MUA	Grant County	Entire County	03670	59.9	8/14/1984
Grays Harbor	MUA	Southeastern Grays Harbor Service Area	Cts: 0005-0007	03685	61.4	10/6/1993
Grays Harbor	MUA	Quinalt Service Area	Cts 0001-0003	03671	50.1	4/21/1982
Island	MUA	South Whidbey Service Area	Cts: 9713, 9718-9721	03672	60.9	9/2/1994
Island	MUA	Camano Island Service Area	Cts: 9714-9717	03673	51.2	11/19/1996
Jefferson	MUA	West End	Ct: 9501	03694		4/8/1982
King	MUA	King Service Area - Central Seattle	Cts: 71-73, 80.01-85, 91,92	03696	59.8	5/11/1994
King	MUA	King Service Area - South Seattle	Cts: 100, 101, 103-104, 107-116, 264-265	03695	57.7	6/8/1982
King	GOV	Southern King County - Portions of Kent, Renton, Auburn & Federal Way	Cts: 252-254, 262, 291--298.01, 305.01, 305.03-305.04, 306-308.02, 312.05	03692	GOV	7/29/1992
Kitsap	GOV	Residents - Northernmost Peninsula Service Area (Kingston)	Cts: 901.01-901.02, 906.02	03690	GOV	5/27/1993
Kitsap	MUA	Downtown Bremerton Service Area	Cts: 805-806, 810-12, 814	03689	57.9	5/27/1993
Kittitas	MUP	Low-Income - Cle Elum/Manatash Service Area	Cts: 9751, 9752	07147	59.5	2/15/2002
Kittitas	MUP	Low-Inc./Migrant/Homeless in East Kittitas (Ellensburg)	Cts: 9753, 9754.01-9754.02, 9755, 9756, 9757	07208	61.4	5/7/2002
Klickitat	MUP	Entire County				Submitted request 3/30/2011
Lewis	GOV	Eastern Lewis	Cts: 9717-9720	03683	GOV	10/7/1993
Lewis	GOV	Western Lewis County	Cts:9701-9716	03684	GOV	10/7/1993

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County	Designation Type	Service Area Name	Geographic Units	Federal ID.	HRSA Score	Designation Date
Lincoln	MUA	Wilbur Service Area	Ct: 9603	03674	59.1	6/3/1982
Mason	MUA	South Shelton Neighborhood	Ct: 9609	07653	60.70	3/28/2008
Okanogan	MUA	Okanogan County	Entire County	03675	55.6	4/6/1990
Pacific	MUA	Pacific Service Area	Entire County	03676	61.0	11/1/1978
Pend Oreille	MUA	Pend Oreille Service Area	Entire County	03677	50.7	11/1/1978
Pierce	MUA	Pierce Service Area	Entire County	03678	61.2	7/8/1982
San Juan	GOV	Orcas Division	Ct: 9601	03679	GOV	7/21/1994
San Juan	MUA	Lopez Service Area	Ct: 9605	03700	unknown	5/18/1994
San Juan	MUA	San Juan Service Area	Cts: 9603, 9604	03701	unknown	5/18/1994
Skagit	No Designation					
Skamania	No Designation					
Snohomish	MUA	Central Everett Service Area	Cts: 402-404, 406-411	03687	61.9	8/27/1992
Snohomish	MUA	West Edmonds Service Area	Ct: 0505	03688	58.9	8/27/1992
Spokane	MUP	Low-Income -Southwest Spokane County	Cts: 104.01, 139.00, 140.01-140.02, 141.00-142.00	05019	61.8	3/31/1999
Spokane	MUA	Spokane County	Cts: 0018, 0020, 0024, 0028, 0032-0036	03697	62.0	5/11/1994
Stevens	MUA	Stevens County	Cts: 9501,9507-9509,9511, 9513-9514	03698	55.6	5/11/1994
Thurston	MUP	Low-Income - Downtown Olympia	Cts: 101-104	06183	59.8	2/8/2001
Thurston	MUA	Panorama City, Lacey	Cts: 112, 113	07630	57.10	3/6/2008
Wahkiakum	No Designation					
Walla Walla	No Designation					
Whatcom	MUP	Low-Income/Homeless - Sumas Service Area	Ct: 0102	07083	61.8	9/13/2001
Whatcom	MUP	Low-Income/Homeless - Point Roberts	Ct: 0110	07087	58.6	9/26/2001
Whatcom	MUP	Low-Income/Homeless - Downtown Bellingham	Cts: 0006.00, 0010.00	07077	55.5	9/13/2001
Whitman	No Designation					
Yakima	MUA	Yakima County	Entire County	03682	60.7	8/4/1992

## Appendix 1

### PROGRAMS USING FEDERAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREA (HPSA) DESIGNATIONS TO QUALIFY

Over 30 federal programs consider federal shortage designations in qualifying criteria. This appendix lists key programs.

**National Health Service Corps (NHSC):** provides for assignments of federally employed and/or service-obligated physicians, dentists, and other health professionals. The program also provides scholarship and loan repayments to health professionals who agree to serve in the NHSC in HPSA's. Practice sites for NHSC must meet other conditions including offering a sliding-fee-scale. For more information on site requirements contact the Office of Community and Rural Health, (360) 236-2814. For general information, call National Health Service Corps hotline (1-800-221-9393) or check their website at <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov>

**Area Health Education Center Program:** gives special consideration to centers that would serve HPSA's with higher percentages of underserved minorities; gives funding priority to centers providing substantial training experience in HPSA's. For further information, call (206) 441-7137 for western Washington and (509) 358-7640 for eastern Washington.

**Rural Health Clinics Program:** provides enhanced Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement for services provided by physician assistants and nurse practitioners in clinics in rural HPSA's, MUAs. For information on applying for Rural Health Clinic status contact the Office of Community and Rural Health, (360) 236-2811 or visit the [Washington State Rural Health Clinic website](#).

**Medicare Incentive Payment For Physician's Services Furnished In HPSA's:** (Public Law 100-203, Section 4043, as amended): Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) gives a 10% bonus payment to physicians providing Medicare-reimbursable services within **geographic** HPSA's. This payment does not apply to population group HPSA's. For more information, call Medicare Provider Enrollment at (515) 974-3690 or the Noridian HPSA Bonus Payment Website. <http://www.cms.gov/hpsapsaphysicianbonuses/>

**Medicare Reimbursement for Teleconsultations:** Teleconsultations originating in non-metropolitan counties or in primary care geographic HPSA's in a metropolitan county. To learn how to participate, call the Medicare Provider Call Center at (701) 277-6782 and choose Option 2.

**Public Health Service Grant Programs:** HRSA's Bureau of Health Professions offers several programs designed to encourage health professional training. Funding preference is given to efforts in HPSA's and MUA/MUPs. For more information check out their website at <http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/index.html> or call the HRSA Seattle Field Office at (206) 615-2490.

**Federally Qualified Health Centers:** (FQHC) grant funds are legislatively required to serve areas or populations designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services as medically underserved. Grants for the planning, development, or operation of community health centers under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act are available only to centers that serve designated MUAs or MUPs. For more information contact the Primary Care Office at (360) 236-4546 or visit their website at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/ocrh/PCO/default.htm>

**Federally Qualified Health Centers Look-Alikes:** Systems of care which meet the definition of a Federally Qualified Health Center contained in Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act, but are not funded under that section, and are serving a designated MUA or MUP, are eligible for certification as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). This allows for cost based reimbursement of services to Medicaid eligible. For more information contact the Primary Care Office at (360) 236-4546 or visit their website at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/ocrh/PCO/default.htm>

### State Programs Using Federal Designations

**J-1 Visa Waiver Program:** The State of Washington can request that Visa requirements be waived for up to 20 International Medical Graduates willing to serve in a HPSA or whole county MUA, or MUP. For more information contact the Office of Community and Rural Health J-1 Visa Waiver information number at (360) 236-2814 or Visit our website at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/ocrh/R&R/j1.htm>