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**Rural Health Clinic  
Listening Session Info**

# Shortage Designation

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- National Shortage Designation Update (NSDU)
  - NSDU was just completed
  - Includes geographic, special population and Auto-HPSAs
  - Info on Individual RHC Auto-HPSAs only available thru the Auto-HPSA Portal
    - Contact TPCO if you have problems accessing the Portal.



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# Shortage Designations

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- Updates continue:
  - Health Professional Shortage Areas
  - Medically Underserved Areas
  - Both can be used for RHC Certification if last update is within last 4 yrs.
  - NPI data for providers needs to be updated with each location change.



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# Auto HPSA Update

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- RHC Auto-HPSA Data
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  - You will need to request provider reports from PCO
  - Supplemental data can be submitted if a rescore is desired



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# RHC Auto HPSAs

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- How to get an RHC Auto HPSA:
  - Meet CMS certification requirements
  - Be an approved NHSC Site
    - Contact Cindy for site approval information.
  - HRSA will grant the designation after site approval, prior to the start of the next LRP application cycles.



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# National Health Service Corps (NHSC)

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- Program Updates
  - Additional \$800 Mil funding for the next 2 years
  - Next application cycle for LRP, SUD LRP & Rural SUD LRP set to open in early 2022



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# National Health Service Corps (NHSC)

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- Site Approval Information
  - **New online site app**
    - Site Data Tables now online in Payments & Insurance section
    - Behavioral Health Checklist now online
  - **Some updates can be made after the application is submitted.**
  - **New Site app cycle in Spring 2022**
    - For those not currently approved even if previously approved.



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# Nurse Corps

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- Updates
  - Private RHCs can now be eligible sites for LRP!!
  - Request Site Approval through the Bureau of Health Workforce Portal
  - Next LRP application cycle set to open in early 2022



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# Student Loan Repayment Programs thru THECB

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- Physician Education Loan Repayment Program (PELRP)
  - \$14,467,492 for each year of the current biennium
  - Currently Accepting applications
    - Apps accepted year round
    - Processed Quarterly
  - \$180,000 for 4-yr service obligation



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# Student Loan Repayment Programs thru THECB

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- Loan Repayment Program for Mental Health Providers (LRPMHP)
  - \$1,035,938 for each year of the current biennium
  - Currently Accepting Applications
    - September 1 thru Oct 31
  - \$160,000 for 5-yr service obligation
- State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) –
  - Matching LRPMHP – In MHPSA



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# Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waivers

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- Updates
  - Staff Transition
  - Application cycle currently open
    - September 7 - 21
  - Contact Cindy for additional information thru the transition



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# Thank you

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## Questions?