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**Texas Association of Rural
Health Clinics Update**

Shortage Designations

- Updates continue:
 - Health Professional Shortage Areas
 - Geographic & Special Population
 - Medically Underserved Areas
 - Both can be used for RHC Certification if last update is within last 4 yrs.
 - Providers need to update NPI data with each location change & notify the TPCO.



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Dental

Mental

Auto HPSA Update

- Shortage Designation Modernization Project
 - Should be getting preview reports
 - Update NHSC Points of Contact
 - National Update is currently scheduled for late August, subject to change
 - Approved NHSC sites without Auto-HPSAs will be given designations.



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Auto HPSA Update

- Shortage Designation Modernization Project
 - If Next Nearest Source of Care (NSC) works for your facility, notify the PCO
 - Provider list can include providers at your facility and/or in your service area – can include other counties even in other states
 - Supplemental data can be submitted after the National Update



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RHC Auto HPSAs

- How to get an Auto HPSA:
 - Meet CMS certification requirements
 - NEW! Be an approved NHSC Site
 - Apply through the TX Primary Care Office after NHSC Site Approval
 - Procedures still being developed
 - Will be available after the National Auto-HPSA Update



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National Health Service Corps (NHSC)

- Site Information
 - Sliding Fee Scale (SFS)
Clarification: The SFS can be used to cover insurance co-pays only if the insurance company allows it.
- New Loan Repayment Programs
 - Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Workforce LRP
 - Rural Community LRP
 - for SUD services



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Student Loan Repayment Programs in Texas

- Physician Education Loan Repayment Program (PELRP)
 - Starting 9/1/19 the max amount increases to \$180,000 for 4-yr service obligation
 - Any applications submitted before 9/1/2019 will still have a maximum repayment amount of \$160,000 for the 4-yr service obligation



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Student Loan Repayment Programs in Texas

- Loan Repayment Program for Mental Health Providers (LRPMHP)
 - Level funding
 - Accepting applications in FY 2020
- State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) –
 - Matching LRPMHP – In MHPSA



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Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver

- New Administrator
 - Nicole Avellanet
- Eligibility requirements broadened
 - Current HPSA or MUA
- Ranking criteria tightened – preferences:
 - Primary Care & Mental Health providers
 - Designations by score for each type
 - Policy Manual Posted on PCO website.



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3RNet

- PCO now administers 3RNet website
 - Increased collaboration among agencies
 - Free resource for RHCs
 - Efforts to increase usage
 - Information available at PCO table in exhibit hall



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Thank you

Questions?