

PROGRAMMATIC USE OF DESIGNATIONS: Community Health Centers and National Health Service Corps

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

(c) PLANNING GRANTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—

(A) CENTERS.—The Secretary may make grants to public and nonprofit private entities for projects to plan and develop health centers which will serve medically underserved populations.

(e) OPERATING GRANTS.—

(1) AUTHORITY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants for the costs of the operation of public and nonprofit private health centers that provide health services to medically underserved populations.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS

SEC. 331. o254d.

(a)(1) For the purpose of eliminating health manpower shortages in health professional shortage areas, there is established, within the Service, the National Health Service

Corps, which shall consist of—

A) such officers of the Regular and Reserve Corps of the Service as the Secretary may designate,

(B) such civilian employees of the United States as the Secretary may appoint, and

(C) such other individuals who are not employees of the United States.

(2) The Corps shall be utilized by the Secretary to provide primary health services in health professional shortage areas.

SEC. 333A. o254f-1. PRIORITIES IN ASSIGNMENT OF CORPS PERSONNEL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In approving applications made under section

333 for the assignment of Corps members, the Secretary shall—

- (1) give priority to any such application that—
 - (A) is made regarding the provision of primary health services to a health professional shortage area with the greatest such shortage;

(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING PRIORITIES.

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish criteria specifying the manner in which the Secretary makes a determination under subsection (a)(1)(A) of the health professional shortage areas with the greatest such shortages.

(2) PUBLICATION OF CRITERIA.—The criteria required in paragraph (1) shall be published in the Federal Register not later than July 1, 1991. Any revisions made in the criteria by the Secretary shall be effective upon publication in the Federal Register