



The Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)'s **Bureau of Health Workforce** (BHW) improves the health of underserved and vulnerable populations by strengthening the health workforce and connecting skilled professionals to communities in need.

BHW prepares a quality, skilled workforce, improves workforce distribution and advances modern healthcare, by focusing on telehealth, rural and underserved populations, and community-based training.

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## **Recruit and Retain Primary Healthcare Providers:**

### Scholarship and Loan Repayment

- [National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program \(NHSC LRP\)](#)  
Primary care medical, dental, and mental and behavioral health clinicians.
- [National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program \(NHSC SP\)](#)  
Primary care medical and dental providers-in- training.
- [NURSE Corps Scholarship and Loan Repayment Programs](#)  
Registered nurses and RN students.
- [Faculty Loan Repayment Program \(FLRP\)](#)  
Health professions faculty from disadvantaged backgrounds.
- [School-based Scholarships and Loans](#)  
Health professions schools offer scholarships and low-interest loans to students with financial need.

## **Strengthen the Health Workforce:**

### Training, Research, and Management

#### [Health Professions Training Grants](#)

- Advance the education and training of the 21<sup>st</sup> century health workforce.
- Support programs to increase diversity, encourage clinicians to practice in underserved areas, and foster interprofessional training and practice.

#### [National Center for Health Workforce Analysis \(NCHWA\)](#)

- Examines issues impacting supply, demand, distribution, and education of the nation's health workforce.
- Provides information so policymakers can make decisions about the health workforce and delivery of care.

#### [National Practitioner Data Bank](#)

- Improves healthcare quality, protects the public and reduces fraud and abuse.
- Does this by sharing information about past adverse actions by providers and suppliers with authorized healthcare entities.

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### [Shortage Designation](#)

- Designates Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) and Medically Underserved Areas/Populations (MUA/Ps), which determine eligibility for federal programs like the Health Center and Rural Health Clinic Programs.

**Fiscal Year 2017 appropriation:** \$1.2 billion.