The Health Resources and 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.

Our work is driven by our priorities: transforming the health care workforce through sustained support of clinicians working in underserved areas; increasing access to behavioral health services, including substance use disorder treatment; and leveraging health care workforce data to inform program and policy decisions.

**Recruit and Retain Primary Healthcare Providers:**
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**Scholarship and Loan Repayment**

- **National Health Service Corps:** Scholarship and Loan Repayment
  Awards scholarships and loan repayment to primary care medical, dental, and mental and behavioral health providers committed to working in areas with limited access to care.

- **Nurse Corps:** Scholarship and Loan Repayment
  Awards scholarships and loan repayment to nurses, nursing students, and nurse faculty in exchange for service at a facility with a critical shortage of nurses.

- **School-Based Loans and Scholarships**
  Funds schools through scholarship and loan repayment programs to help students pursue degrees in health professions and deliver care in underserved communities.

**Strengthen the Health Workforce:**

**Training, Research, and Management**

- **Health Professions Training Grants**
  - Advances the education and training of the 21st century health workforce.
  - Supports 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**
  - Shares information about past adverse actions by providers and suppliers with authorized healthcare entities.
  - In doing so, improves healthcare quality, protects the public, and reduces fraud and abuse.

- **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.