National Shortage Designation Modernization Project: Auto-HPSAs

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Automatically Designated Facility HPSAs

Using the statute and regulations, HRSA has deemed the following facility types as eligible for automatic HPSA designation:

- Health Centers (funded under Sec. 330)
- Health Center Look-Alikes
- Tribally-Run Clinics
- Urban Indian Organizations
- Dual-Funded Tribal Health Centers
- Federally-Run Indian Health Service Clinics
- CMS-Certified Rural Health Clinics meeting NHSC site requirements
Auto-HPSAs compared to other HPSAs
Similar but not the same

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<th>Other HPSAs</th>
<th>Automatic Facility (Auto-HPSAs)</th>
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<td>• Designation &amp; scoring done online</td>
<td>• Designation &amp; scoring currently done <em>manually</em></td>
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<td>• Criteria used to first designate as HPSA</td>
<td>• <strong>No application</strong> process necessary</td>
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<td>• Criteria used to determine HPSA score</td>
<td>• Same criteria used to determine HPSA score as other HPSAs</td>
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<td>• Scores range from 0-25 (26 for dental)</td>
<td>• Same scoring range used</td>
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<td>• Designations are required to be reviewed and updated as necessary annually</td>
<td>• HRSA has not historically required Auto-HPSA scores to be reviewed regularly; updates are requested by facility</td>
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<td>• Score of “0” is rare</td>
<td>• Score of “0” <em>more frequent</em> and means low shortage or no data was available for scoring</td>
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Year Auto-HPSAs were updated (n=9,032)

Historically, geographic, population, and other facility HPSAs had to be updated at least every 4 years or would be proposed for withdrawal due to the age of the data.

69% of HPSAs nationwide

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NHSC and Sites Relying Upon Auto-HPSA Scores

- Approximately 370 of the 2017 Field Strength serving in sites with Auto-HPSA scores from 2002 and 2003.
- Approximately 2,722 of the FY 2017 Field Strength serving in sites with Auto-HPSA scores updated more than 4 years ago.

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2019 National Shortage Designation Update: Auto-HPSAs

- National update of all Auto-HPSAs tentatively planned for April 2019
- Utilizes existing HPSA scoring criteria; no changes to the criteria have been made
- Auto-HPSA facilities will receive a series of Auto-HPSA update previews beginning this Fall

September:
Auto-HPSA Update Preview 1

November:
Auto-HPSA Update Preview 2

2019: Additional Auto-HPSA Update Previews until the National Update takes place
Auto-HPSA Update Preview* Data Sources Summary

Community Health Centers
(scored at the organizational level)

- CDC (2016)
- SDMS-ESRI (2016)
- SDMS-PCO Validated Data
- UDS (2017)

RHCs, I/T/Us
(scored at the organizational or site level)

- CDC (2016)
- SDMS-ESRI (2016)
- SDMS-PCO Validated Data
- Census (2016)

* After the National Update tentatively scheduled for April 2019, Auto-HPSA facilities may submit information (facility-level data and/or supplemental data) to be rescored.

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Next Steps

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Communicate!

Distribute the results of the first Auto-HPSA preview (anticipated September 2018)

Auto-HPSA preview technical assistance

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For questions about the Shortage Designation Modernization Project including:

- Auto-HPSA Update Previews
- National Shortage Designation HPSA Update

Additional Resources:

- [https://bhw.hrsa.gov/shortage-designation/application-scoring-process/modernization-project](https://bhw.hrsa.gov/shortage-designation/application-scoring-process/modernization-project)
Summary

• The Shortage Designation Modernization Project utilizes the existing HPSA scoring criteria. No changes to the criteria have been made.

• The national Update of Auto-HPSAs is tentatively planned for April 2019.

• A series of Auto-HPSA update previews will be provided in advance of the update for informational and planning purposes.

• HRSA is actively engaging stakeholders in the project.

• The current process to request a score or rescoring remains in place.
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