

Shortage Designations and Loan Repayment

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Presentation Overview

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- State Rational Service Area Plan

What is a HPSA?

- Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) are rational service areas that demonstrate a critical shortage of primary care, dental or mental health providers.
- The Ohio Department of Health's Primary Care Office submits applications for HPSA designations to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) based on criteria established by federal regulation. HRSA has the authority to approve or disapprove HPSA applications. HPSAs are federal designations.

Types of HPSAs

1. **Geographic HPSAs** - entire population
2. **Special population HPSAs** - low-income and Medicaid-eligible populations
3. **Facility HPSAs** - include:
 - Public or non-profit facilities that serve residents of a designated HPSA
 - State and federal correctional facilities
 - State and county psychiatric hospitals
 - Automatic HPSAs: Rural Health Clinics that meet specific requirements and all FQHCs and FQHC Look-Alikes

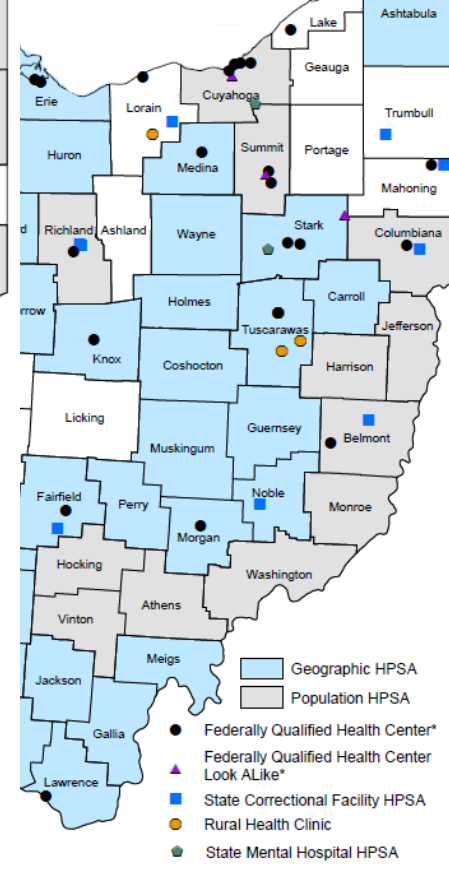
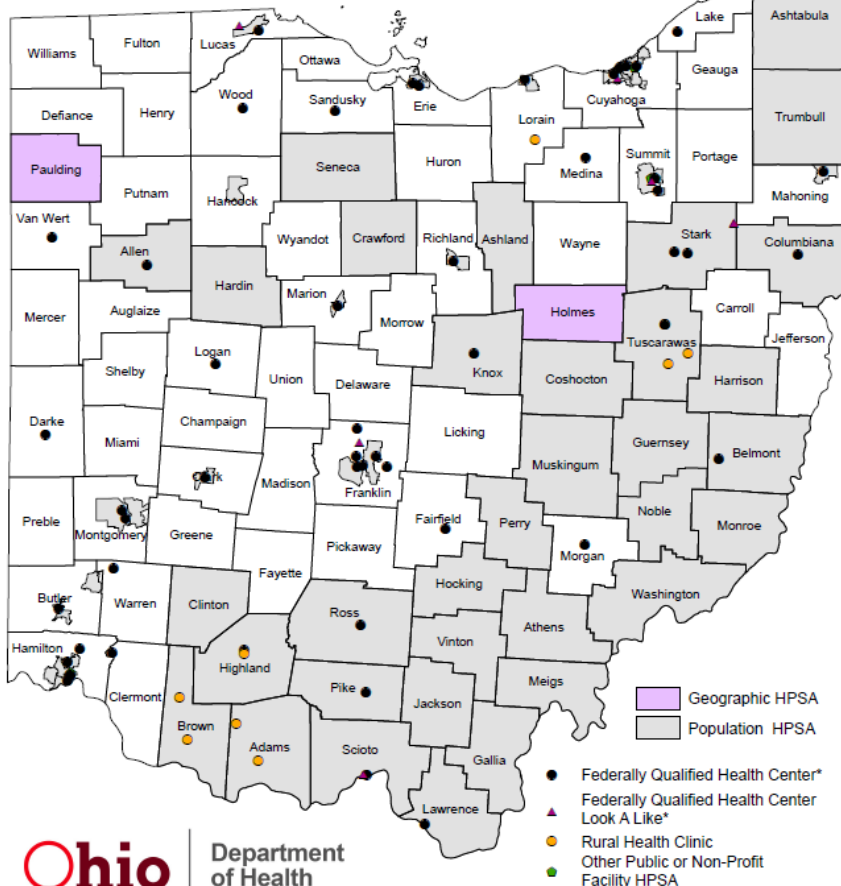
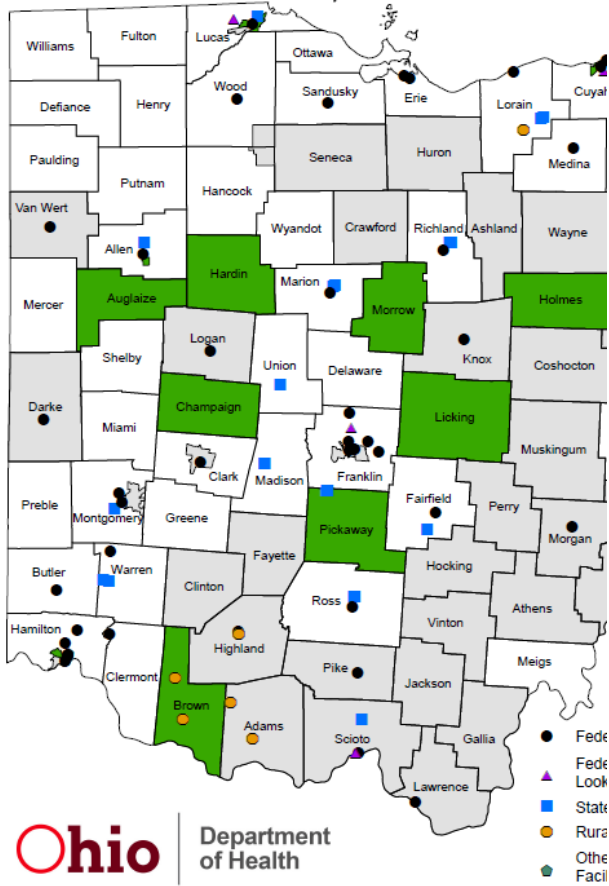
Geographic HPSA Population to Provider Ratio

Type	Ratio	FTE
Primary Care	3,500 : 1	FTE = (# Tour Hours/40)
Dental Health	5,000 : 1	FTE = (# Tour Hours/40)
Mental Health	30,000 : 1	FTE= (# Tour Hours/40)

Ohio Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs)

Ohio Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs)

Mental Health Shortage Areas (HPSAs)



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Practitioner Data Collection

Current Employment Location(s):

- All Current Employment Location(s) data for every entry if multiple:
 - Name of Practice Site
 - Practice Setting
 - Street Address
 - City
 - State
 - Zip/Postal code
 - County
 - Major area of focus or specialty at this practice site
 - Total hours worked at this practice site, per week
 - Percent of time spent per week:
 - Direct Patient Care
 - Teaching
 - Research
 - Professional Services
 - Administrative Activities
 - Other
 - Do you have hospital privileges for patients from this practice?
 - Which of the following best describes your current employment arrangement?
 - Is this an intern/resident position?
 - Are you employed as a federal employee at this practice site?
 - Are you accepting new patients at this practice site?

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Why be designated?

The HPSA is the foundation for many recruitment/retention programs

Many scholarship and loan repayment programs require you to work in a shortage area for a certain amount of time to get money towards your student loans.

National Health Service Corps (NHSC)

- NHSC Scholarship Program
- NHSC Students to Service Loan Repayment Program
- NHSC Loan Repayment Program
- NHSC Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program
- NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program

State Loan Repayment Programs

- Ohio Physician Loan Repayment Program
- Ohio Dentist and Dental Hygienist Loan Repayment Programs
- Ohio Substance Use Disorder Professional Loan Repayment Program
- Ohio Chiropractic Loan Repayment Program

Fact sheets are available at the PCO booth

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Bonus Payment

- Provides 10% Medicaid bonus payments for physicians who furnish medical services in geographic HPSAs or psychiatrists furnishing services in mental health HPSAs.

Governors Certified Shortage Areas for Rural Health Clinics

County/Service Area	Date of Designation
Ashtabula County	June 2019
Brown County	July 2019
Clinton County	December 2021
Defiance County	January 2021
Madison County	January 2021
Muskingum County	March 2022
Mercer County	December 2021
Richland County	January 2021
Union County	June 2019
Wyandot County	November 2021

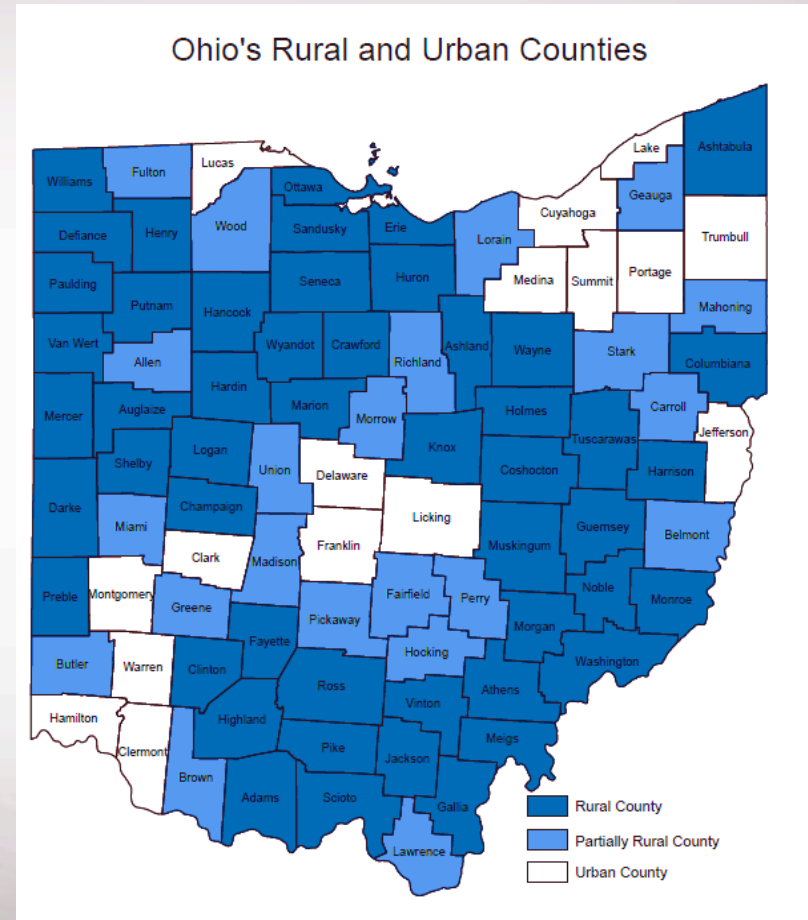
located outside of U.S. Census Bureau defined urbanized areas.

State Rational Service Area Plan

- State Rational Service Area Plan requires our office to create rational areas for the entire state of Ohio even if they did not qualify as a HPSA.

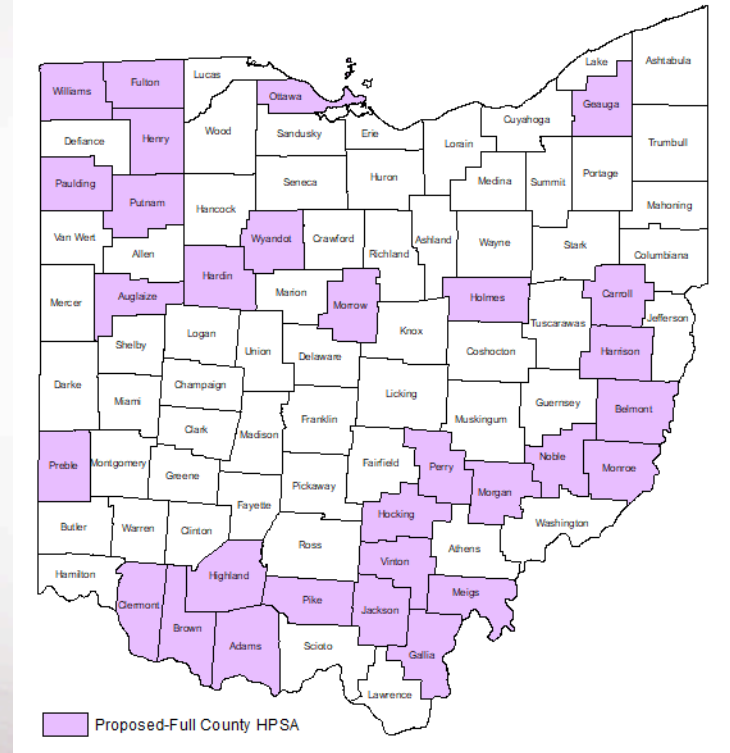
Rural, Partially Rural VS Urban

- Ohio is comprised of 88 counties
- 50 rural counties
- 22 partially rural counties
- 16 urban counties



Counties without cities larger than 10,000.

There are currently 30 counties in Ohio that do not contain a single city with a population greater than 10,000 residents. Those counties should default to a full county HPSA.



Just Getting Started

We just received guidance at the end of July for our SRSA plan. If you have any suggestions you would like to make about your county, please reach out to me.

Helpful Links

[Am I Rural? Tool - Rural Health Information Hub](#)

[Find Shortage Areas \(hrsa.gov\)](#)

[Workforce Programs | Ohio Department of Health](#)

[Primary Care Office | Ohio Department of Health](#)

[State Office of Rural Health \(SORH\) | Ohio Department of Health](#)

[Health Workforce Connector - Home Page \(hrsa.gov\)](#)

[Physician Bonuses | CMS](#)

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