

## HRSA RFI: HPSA Scoring Criteria and Maternity Care Health Professional Target Areas

HRSA is seeking feedback from stakeholders on Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) scoring as well as feedback to inform policy related to the establishment of criteria for Maternity Care Health Professional Target Areas (MCTAs). This [link](#) provides more detail about the RFI (Request for Information) for HPSA scoring and this [link](#) provides more detail on MCTAs. HRSA is seeking feedback on how HPSA's are currently being scored as well as which data sources to use in order to ensure accuracy and suitability of HPSA scoring methodology. While many sources of data are available for shortage designation in general, HRSA is open to using any additional data sources that will help fulfill the statutory mandate to distribute resources and providers to the areas of the greatest need.

Please keep in mind the following areas of consideration for public input

1. Relevance. Please provide input on the extent to which proposed data points and sources are relevant to assessing and/or describing the need in these areas.
2. Universality. Please provide input on the extent to which proposed data points and sources are available for all 50 states, as well as U.S. territories.
3. Accessibility. Please provide input on the extent to which proposed data points and sources are free and available to the public.
4. Reliability. Please provide input on the extent to which proposed data points and sources are reviewable and published by reliable sources.
5. Specificity. Please provide input on the extent to which proposed data points and sources are available down to the county, sub-county and/or census tract level.
6. Current and up-to-date. Please provide input on the extent to which proposed data points and sources are current, and how frequently they are updated.

For Information on HPSA scoring including point totals for each discipline, please go to this [link](#).

Respondents must provide responses to this RFI via email to [RFIComments@hrsa.gov](mailto:RFIComments@hrsa.gov) and reference "Health Professional Shortage Area Scoring Criteria RFI" in the subject line. Please include organization name, state, and partners (if applicable) in the body of the email. Your response should note the specific RFI question your comment addresses. If you provide comments to more than one question, please identify the specific RFI question each comment addresses. Information obtained as a result of this RFI may be used by the Government for program planning on a non-attribution basis. Respondents should not include any information that might be considered proprietary or confidential. HRSA is not obligated to respond to or directly address individual feedback. **Comments will be received up until September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 7:30 PM EST.**