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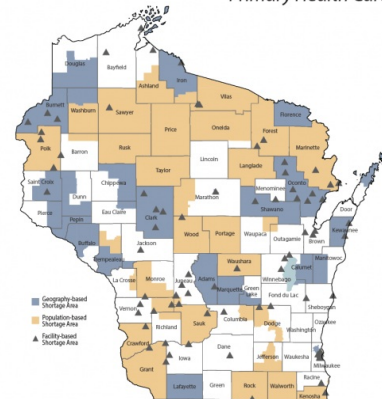
Updated Maps on Health Professional Shortage Areas

Our office now has new, up-to-date maps on Health Professional Shortage Areas, or HPSAs. The maps show the regions of Wisconsin that lack sufficient **primary**, **dental**, and **mental** health care providers to meet the needs of the area or population.

HPSAs identify areas of greater need throughout the United States so that limited resources can be directed to those areas.

We also have new maps showing the number of **primary**, **dental**, and **mental** health care providers needed to adequately meet the needs of the population and remove the provide shortage designation.

Health Professional Shortage Areas
Primary Health Care



To determine if a specific location has a HPSA designation, visit HPSA.Find.

Source: Health Resources and Services Administration, Geospatial Data Warehouse, Oct 2016.



Image: WI-ORH

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Attitudes On "Life in Rural America"

A **poll** conducted this summer surveyed 1,300 rural adults on their attitudes toward community and economic concerns. Rural Americans said that drug addiction is one of the biggest problems their communities face, tied with concerns about local jobs and the economy. Sixty-four percent of respondents said that better long-term job creation would be most helpful to their local economy; sixty-one percent believed in improving the quality of local schools; and fifty-five percent reported improving access to health care. Read the study [here](#).



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When Does Broadband Count As Accessible?

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) collects data on broadband availability from providers,

but this data may not fully tell the story of broadband availability on tribal lands. Some note that the FCC's definition of "available" broadband per census block could be overstating the accessibility of broadband, particularly on tribal lands. A [report](#) from the United States Government Accountability Office investigates how the FCC records numbers related to broadband availability and access.

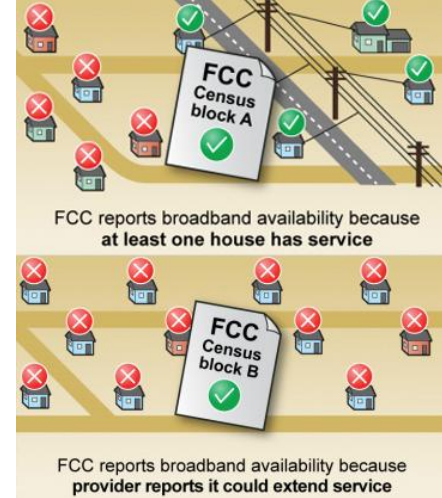


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More News

- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has proposed a rule that would require manufacturers to disclose drug prices in television ads.
- A [new plan](#) released by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services outlines the state's five-year response to Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias.
- Some law enforcement agencies throughout Wisconsin are looking to connect people with [treatment](#), rather than a jail sentence, for drug-related offenses. (Source: Wisconsin Public Radio)
- The Clark County Public Health Department received a grant from our office to promote healthy lifestyles and personal well-being in Clark County. One outcome of that project was the creation of a [county-wide guide](#) to increase options for healthy eating and physical activity.
- Wisconsin Rural Health Day is part of a national campaign to highlight the unique challenges and successes of rural communities. How are you planning to celebrate the Power of Rural? Please [let us know](#) so we can help promote your event.

Funding & Opportunities

- The federal [Assistance to Firefighters Grant](#) provides direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments and nonaffiliated Emergency Medical Service agencies. Funds may be used for vehicles, training, and equipment. (Deadline: October 26th)
- The NIH will fund [projects](#) to address opioid use disorder in tribal communities to help identify the most effective prevention and/or treatment approaches. (Deadline: October 29th)
- School [garden grants](#) will connect children directly to real food. Funds can be used to buy gardening tools, raised beds, seeds, or other needed supplies for a school garden. (Deadline: November 1st)
- Researchers can apply for [funding to investigate](#) the effectiveness of innovative features of healthcare systems, and provide information on which systems lead to

better patient-centered outcomes. Target populations include residents of rural areas. (Letter of intent due: November 6th)

- The federal Bureau of Health Workforce will invest \$26.8 million **to increase the number of qualified nurse faculty** to bolster the number of skilled professionals in underserved and vulnerable communities. (Deadline: November 28th)

Events

- **October 23rd:** A **webinar** will examine integrated approaches to addressing the multiple factors that contribute to substance abuse in the context of domestic violence.
- **October 24th:** A **webinar** will highlight successful strategies in Colorado that coordinate across agencies and systems to meet the needs of pregnant and parenting women affected by substance use disorder.
- **October 25th:** A conference presented by the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Dodge County aims to give tools and methods for dementia caregiving. **Register** by today (Thursday, October 18th).
- **October 29th:** A **webinar** will explore the rural context for adverse childhood experiences, which have profound life-long consequences on an individual's health and well-being.
- **November 7th:** We want to hear your concerns and solutions about EMS at another stop on our **EMS Listening Tour** in Boscobel.

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