



# Office of Rural Health and Primary Care (ORHPC)

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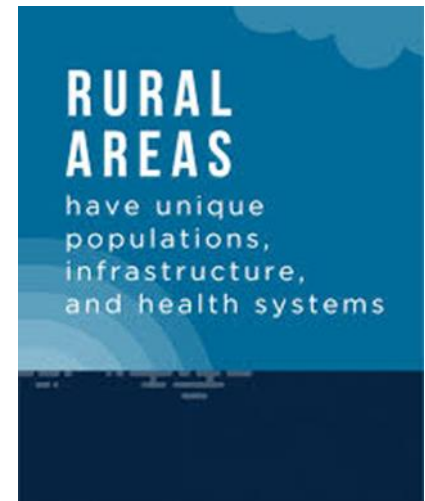
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# DHSS Aspires to Protect Health and Keep People of Missouri Safe

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- ❖ Rural health initiatives to increase access to quality healthcare.
- ❖ Increase the healthcare workforce in healthcare professional shortage areas.
- ❖ Targeting health improvements in rural Missouri.
- ❖ Partnerships to make an impact in rural health.



# Representing Office of Rural Health and Primary Care (ORHPC)

Missouri Office of Rural Health (MORH)	Missouri Office of Primary Care (MOPC)	Missouri Student Loan and Loan Repayment Programs
State Office of Rural Health (SORH) Grant	Primary Care Office (PCO) Grant	Missouri Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) Grant
Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP) Grant	J-1 Visa/State 30 Waiver Program	Nurse Student Loan (NSL) Program
Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (Flex) Grant Program	National Interest Waiver (NIW) Program	Nurse Loan Repayment Program (NLRP)
2 New Grants: SHIP COVID Grant CDC ELC Grant		Primary Care Resource Initiative for Missouri (PRIMO) Program

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# Rural Health Initiatives

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- ❖ Identify obstacles and needs faced by health care providers and patients.
- ❖ Maximize the use of existing resources to assist rural hospitals, clinics, and providers in strengthening their rural health care delivery systems.
- ❖ Research, disseminate, and implement innovative health care delivery approaches.
- ❖ Monitor, coordinate, and facilitate rural health efforts and activities.
- ❖ Provide technical assistance to rural health stakeholders.
- ❖ Develop Rural Health Initiatives designed to improve the health of people living in rural areas.
- ❖ Collaborate with partners to implement strategies and create impactful outcomes.
- ❖ Addressing social determinants of health as a primary approach to achieving health equity.

# The State Office of Rural Health (SORH) Grant

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- ❖ Maintaining a clearinghouse for collecting and disseminating information:
  - ✓ Website. Rural Spotlight blog (Rural Health Information Center).
  - ✓ Rural Health Information Hub.
  - ✓ Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Announcement.
  - ✓ Rural Health Research Gateway.
  - ✓ Listserv and email.
- Monitoring/analyzing to drive technical assistance, recommendations and developing rural health strategies.
- Evaluating data/trends to develop initiatives/strategies to improve health.
- Coordinating with partners to support rural health needs and leverage resources for services, activities and programs.



## Biennial Report

*Current publication  
2018-2019*

- ❖ Biennial Report published every 2 years.
- ❖ Focuses on rural health factors, data and issues that impact the health of Missouri's 2.07 million rural residents.
- ❖ Recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly.
- ❖ <https://health.mo.gov/living/families/ruralhealth/index.php>.



# Rural Recruitment and Retention



- ❖ Rural healthcare workforce shortages, placement, and retention partnerships:
  - University of Missouri Medical School Rural Track Pipeline and residency programs:
    - ✓ Identifies medical students from rural Missouri to support their return to their communities. Prepares students for rural practice.
  - 3RNet:
    - ✓ National nonprofit network of members matching health care professionals with jobs in rural and underserved health care facilities.

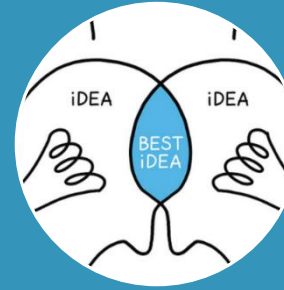
# Goals of Small Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP) Grant



Strengthen collaborative efforts with partners and small rural hospitals.



Encourage small rural hospitals to collaborate mutually together to leverage funds.



Platform for continued opportunities for small rural hospitals to share information and mutual ideas.



# Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program (FLEX) Grant

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- ❖ Training and technical assistance to Critical Access Hospitals (CAH), rural EMS agencies, other stakeholders who serve patients in rural communities.
- ❖ Financial and operational Quality Improvement (CQI) strategies:
  - Patient quality of care improvement activities.
  - Financial Practices/Hospital Cost Report Analysis and Recommendations.
  - Operational efficiency/performance improvement activities.
  - Population Health Improvement Projects in Communities.
  - Board Assessments and Board Training and Medicare Billing and Coding Training.

# Missouri Primary Care Office (PCO) Grant

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## Strategies

- Designates Missouri Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) and Medically Underserved Area Populations (MUA/P).
- Identified by conducting a statewide Primary Care Needs Assessment (by March 31, 2021).
- Provides Technical Assistance.
- Recruitment and Retention Partnerships.
- Increases access to primary health care services.

# What is a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) ?

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- ❖ A shortage of health care professionals:
  - Geographic area, Population group or Facility.
- ❖ HPSA designation criteria development by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).
- ❖ Health care provider shortages:
  - Primary Care, Dental Health or Mental Health.
  - HPSA scores (higher the score the greater the need):
    - ✓ 0-25: Primary Care/Mental Health; 0-26: Dental health.



# J-1 Visa/State 30 Waiver Program

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- ❖ Allows a foreign medical graduate to attend an advanced training program in the United States.
- ❖ Waives the requirement for graduates to return to their native country.
- ❖ The physician's waiver is granted in exchange for an obligation to provide health care services for three years in an Missouri HPSA.



# National Health Service Corps (NHSC)



- ❖ Federal program:
  - Recruitment/retention of primary care providers in HPSAs.
- ❖ Awards scholarships and loan repayment:
  - Medical, dental and behavioral health primary care providers.
- ❖ Earn forgiveness by serving at NHSC-approved sites:
  - Outpatient care settings located within HPSAs.
  - Provide Treatment regardless of patients' abilities to pay.
  - Accept Medicare and Medicaid and use a sliding fee schedule.

# Missouri Health Professional Student Loan and Loan Repayment Programs

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- ❖ There are 4 Programs offered through DHSS:
  - Designed to increase access to health care in HPSAs.
    - ✓ Recruitment/retention of providers in HPSAs.
    - ✓ Awards student and loan repayment funds to qualified students and providers.
    - ✓ Earn forgiveness by serving at DHSS-approved sites.





# Nurse Student Loan (NSL) Program

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- ❖ Competitive state program awards funding for educational expenses:
  - Practical Nursing students (LPN/PN).
  - Professional Nursing Degree Students (ADN, DN, BSN, MSN, APN, DNP).
- ❖ Forgiveness is earned by providing nursing health care services:
  - Missouri hospital or HPSA; 1-year service agreement, per loan award.
- ❖ State funded:
  - ✓ Nursing Board Professional Registry licensing fees.
  - ✓ Loan recipient defaulted payments.
  - ✓ Tax intercepts.



# Nurse Loan Repayment Program (NLRP)

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- ❖ Competitive state program awards funding for educational loan repayment:
  - Professional Missouri Licensed Nurses (RN).
  - Advanced Practice Nurses (APN, NP, CRNA, FNP).
- ❖ Forgiveness is earned by providing nursing health care services:
  - Missouri hospital or HPSA; 2-year service agreement, per loan award.
- ❖ State funded:
  - ✓ Nursing Board Professional Registry licensing fees.
  - ✓ Loan recipient defaulted payments.
  - ✓ Tax intercepts.



# Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)

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- ❖ Competitive federal grant awards funding for educational loan repayment.
  - Physicians (MD, DO), Dentists (DDS, DMD), Psychiatrists (MD, DO).
- ❖ Forgiveness is earned by providing primary care services in a HPSA:
  - HPSA; 2-year service agreement, per loan award.
- ❖ Federal Grant issues funds requiring a dollar-to-dollar (1:1) state funds match.
  - State funds:
    - ✓ Missouri Hospital Association donation.
    - ✓ Loan recipient defaulted payments.
    - ✓ Tax intercepts.

# Primary Care Resource Initiative for Missouri (PRIMO)

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- ❖ Competitive state program awards funding for educational expenses:
  - Physicians (MD/DO), Dentists (DDS/DMD), Dental Hygienists, Psychiatrists
  - Undergraduate, graduate, post-graduate studies, residency (Physicians).
- ❖ Forgiveness is earned by providing primary care health care services:
  - HPSA; 1-year service agreement, per loan award.
  - State funds:
    - ✓ Missouri Hospital Association donation.
    - ✓ Loan recipient defaulted payments.
    - ✓ Tax intercepts.



# Questions?

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