



# Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary, Community-Based Linkages (ACICBL)

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**Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People**

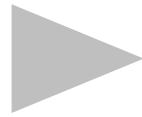


# Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW)

**MISSION:** Improve the health of underserved and vulnerable populations by strengthening the health workforce and connecting skilled professionals to communities in need.



EDUCATION



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# The U.S. Health Workforce



## Demand for health care occupations is growing:

- Health care jobs to increase by 14% from 2018 to 2028



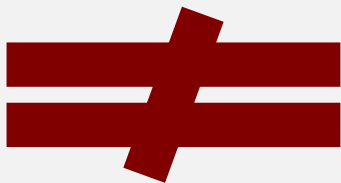
## Shortages of health professionals currently exist

- Over 20,400 current shortage designations
- Majority in rural communities



## The United States is projected to be short more than:

- 23,600 primary care physicians by 2025
- 15,600 dentists by 2025



## The challenges:

- Aging population and health care workforce
- Not enough primary care clinicians to meet demand
- Mal-distribution of providers across states, including nursing

# The Aims of HRSA Workforce Programs

## Access

Increase access to health care for underserved and vulnerable populations

## Supply

Promote equilibrium in the supply and address shortages of health professionals

## Distribution

Improve workforce distribution so all parts of the U.S. have an adequate number of providers to meet the demand for care

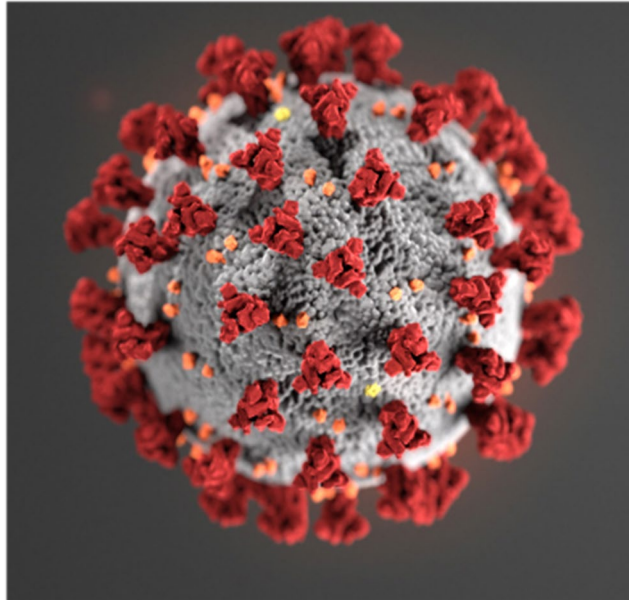
## Quality

Develop a quality health workforce that is trained in and employs evidence-based techniques that reflect better patient care

# Strategies for Success



# COVID19 Pandemic



**“As a nation, we continue to adjust to the impact Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) is having on our lives, our communities, our friends and loved ones.**

**Due to the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak, we want to assure you that HRSA will do our part to help you continue your extraordinary work.**

**Thank you for your partnership and patience as we work together to ensure our nation’s health and safety. From all of us at HRSA, we wish you, your families and colleagues the best as we continue to monitor the immense impact COVID-19 is having on our country and the world.”**

- Tom Engels, HRSA Administrator

# Federal Response to COVID-19

- **HRSA Resources**
  - [HRSA's Funding Announcements](#)
  - <https://www.hrsa.gov/coronavirus>
- **Federal Resources**
  - [Coronavirus.gov](https://www.coronavirus.gov)
  - Learn how to [prevent and control the spread of the infection](#)
  - Access [NIH COVID-19 safety training](#)
  - Latest public health information: [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus); and [usa.gov/coronavirus](https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus)



# BHW Response to COVID-19

- **Program Flexibilities**
- **Grant Flexibilities**
- **Telemedicine and Telehealth**

## Telehealth.hhs.gov

TELEHEALTH.HHS.GOV For patients For providers

**Telehealth: Health care from the safety of our homes.**

During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, we don't have to choose between medical care and social distancing. When patients can get health care through telehealth — and doctors can provide it — we protect ourselves and our communities.

Learn more about telehealth

**For patients**

Find out what telehealth is, what you'll need (not much!), and what to expect from a visit. You can also check out our tips on finding telehealth options.

- Understanding telehealth
- Telehealth during COVID-19
- Finding telehealth options

[See more on the patients page >](#)

**For providers**

Get information to help you integrate telehealth, get up to speed on recent COVID-19 related policies, and learn what patients will need to use telehealth.

- Getting started with telehealth
- Policy changes during COVID-19
- Planning your telehealth workflow

[See more on the providers page >](#)



# Supplemental COVID19 Funds

## \$15M for Telehealth

- Funds to the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program, the Centers of Excellence (COE), Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP), and the Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention (NEPQR) Programs
- Focus on serving high-risk patients 45-65 years of age living in rural/underserved communities
- Date: Coming soon

**Grantees may further develop capacity in one or more of the following:**

- Tele-mental Health
- Behavioral Health Integration
- Community Health Workers training



# Recommendations

- **Group Discussion:**
  - Student / Provider deployment
  - Leveraging grant fund and community collaborations
  - Lessons learned and accomplishments

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