NHSC Updates
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Agenda

► ## NHSC Updates

- FY22 Application Cycles
- Priorities

► ## Maternity Care Act

- Maternity Care Health Professional Target Area Criteria RFI & FRN
- Data Analysis, Evaluation, and Feedback
- Final Criteria

FY22 NHSC Application Cycles

NHSC Programs	Open Dates	Close Dates
NHSC State Loan Repayment Program	Closed	
NHSC Scholarship Program	Closed	
NHSC Students to Service LRP	Closed	
NHSC Loan Repayment Program	Closed	
NHSC SUD Workforce Loan Repayment Program	Closed	
NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program	Closed	

FY22 NHSC Priorities

1. NHSC State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)

2. Dedicated Support to the NHSC Pipeline

3. Optimize Data Utilization

4. Establishing Outreach to Health Professional Pathway and Pipeline Programs

NHSC Maternity Care

Maternal Care Target Areas (MCTAs)

What is a MCTA?

- A "MCTA" is a **M**aternity **C**are Health Professional **T**arget **A**rea …

- … which is an area within a **Primary Care** HPSA that has a **shortage of maternity health care professionals**.

- The **Improving Access to Maternity Care Act** amends the Public Health Service Act to require HRSA to identify MCTAs for purposes of assigning maternity care health professionals to those areas. *((P.L. 115-320; Public Health Service Act, Section 332(k))*

Improving Access to Maternity Care Act

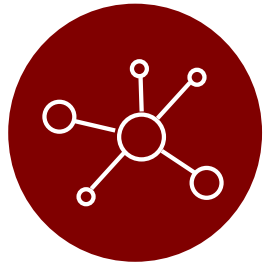**P.L. 115-320; Public Health Service Act, Section 332(k)**

Establishment
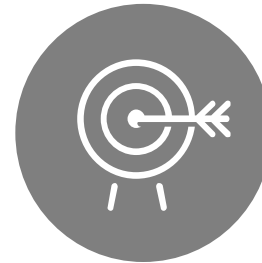Criteria for Maternity Care Health Professional Target Areas (MCTA)

Distribution
Maternity care health professionals using the newly-identified MCTAs

Identification
Within existing Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas using established MCTA criteria

Data Collection & Publication
Compare the availability and need for maternity care health services in HPSAs and areas within such HPSAs

Maternity Care Health Professional Target Area Criteria

Final Criteria

Population to Provider Ratio

➢ Women between the ages of 15-44 years old

➢ Obstetrician/Gynecologists (OB/GYNs) and Certified Nurse Midwives (CNMs)

Population with Income at or below 200% of Federal Poverty Level

➢ Determine Percentage of people living in the service area at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)

Travel Time & Distance to the Nearest Source of Care

➢ Identify Closest provider location where the residents of the area or designated population have access to comprehensive maternity care services

Each of these criteria will be assigned a relative weight based on the significance of that criteria relative to all the others.

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Maternity Care Health Professional Target Area Criteria
Final Criteria (continued)

Fertility Rate

➢ Determine increased need for maternity care services among populations which experience a higher rate of births

Social Vulnerability Index

➢ Determine increased need for maternity care services among populations which experience a higher rate of social vulnerability using the CDC's SVI

Preconception Health Index

➢ Pre-pregnancy obesity
➢ Pre-pregnancy diabetes
➢ Pre-pregnancy hypertension
➢ Prenatal care initiation in the 1st trimester
➢ Cigarette Smoking
➢ Behavioral Health Factor

Each of these criteria will be assigned a relative weight based on the significance of that criteria relative to all the others.

MCTA Sub-Score Calculations

Criteria	MCTA – Sub-Score		
	Max Points Awarded	Multiplier	Total Points Possible
Population : Provider Ratio	5	x 1	= 5
Percent of Population Below 200% Federal Poverty Level	5	x 1	= 5
Travel Distance/Time to Nearest Source of Care	5	x 1	= 5
Fertility Rate	2	x 1	= 2
Social Vulnerability Index	2	x 1	= 2
Maternal Health Index • Pre-Pregnancy Obesity • Pre-Pregnancy Diabetes • Pre-Pregnancy Hypertension • Cigarette Smoking • Prenatal Care Initiation in the 1st Trimester • Behavioral Health Factor	6	X 1 for each factor	= 6
Max Score:			= 25

Questions