



Shortage Designation Modernization Project

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Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People



Agenda

- ▶ **Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs)**
- ▶ **Shortage Designation Modernization Project (SDMP) Overview**
- ▶ **SDMP Next Steps**
- ▶ **Request for Information**

Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA)

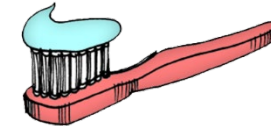
A shortage of:



Primary
Care

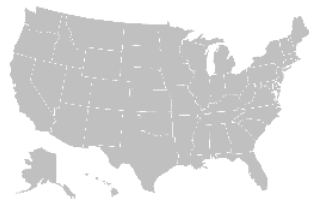


Mental
Health



Dental
Health

providers in a:



Geographic Area



Population
Group



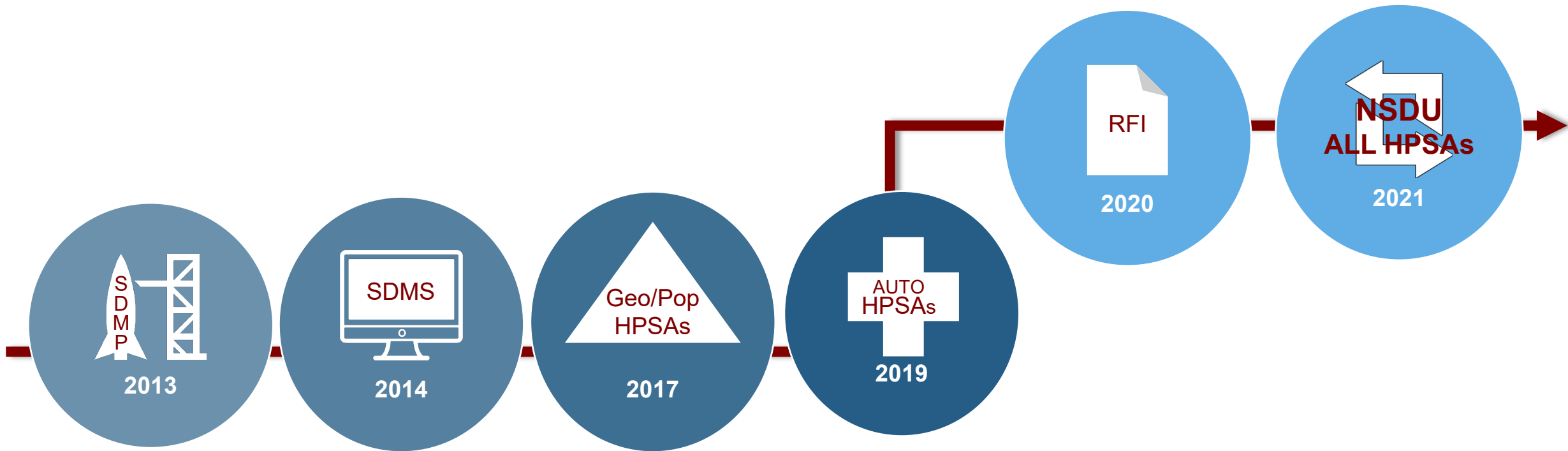
Facility

Shortage Designation Modernization Project (SDMP) Core Principles



The Shortage Designation Modernization Project uses the existing HPSA scoring criteria. No changes to the criteria have been made.

SDMP Progress



SDMP Next Steps



HPSA Scoring Criteria

- Current criteria
- Alternative approaches
- Data sources

Maternity Care Target Area

- Populations
- Providers
- Data points
- Data sources

Closed: Friday, September 18, 2020



National Shortage Designation Update of all HPSAs

- Geographic
- Population
- Facilities (including Auto-HPSAs)

Expected Summer 2021

2021 National Shortage Designation Update 2.0



2021 NSDU 2.0

▶ ALL HPSAs

- Geographic
- Population
- Facilities (including Auto-HPSAs)

▶ Update Previews tentative March/April 2021

▶ Organizations can continuously submit facility data through the online Auto-HPSA portal.

Facility-Specific and Supplemental Data

- Percent of patients with known income at or below 100% FPL
- Patient ages
- *Data showing that less than 50% of patients have access to fluoridated water**
- *Data showing that the alcohol misuse rate is in the worst quartile for the nation, region or state**
- *Data showing that the substance misuse rate is in the worst quartile for the nation, region or state**



Requests For Information



Data Sources

Relevant: Assessing and/or describing the need in these areas.

Universal: Available for all 50 states, as well as U.S. territories.

Accessible: Free and available to the public.

Specific: Available down to the county, sub-county and/or census tract level.

Current and Up-to-Date: Current/frequency of data updates.

HPSA Scoring Request For Information



Current Criteria

Population to
Provider Ratio

% of Population
with Income
Below FPL

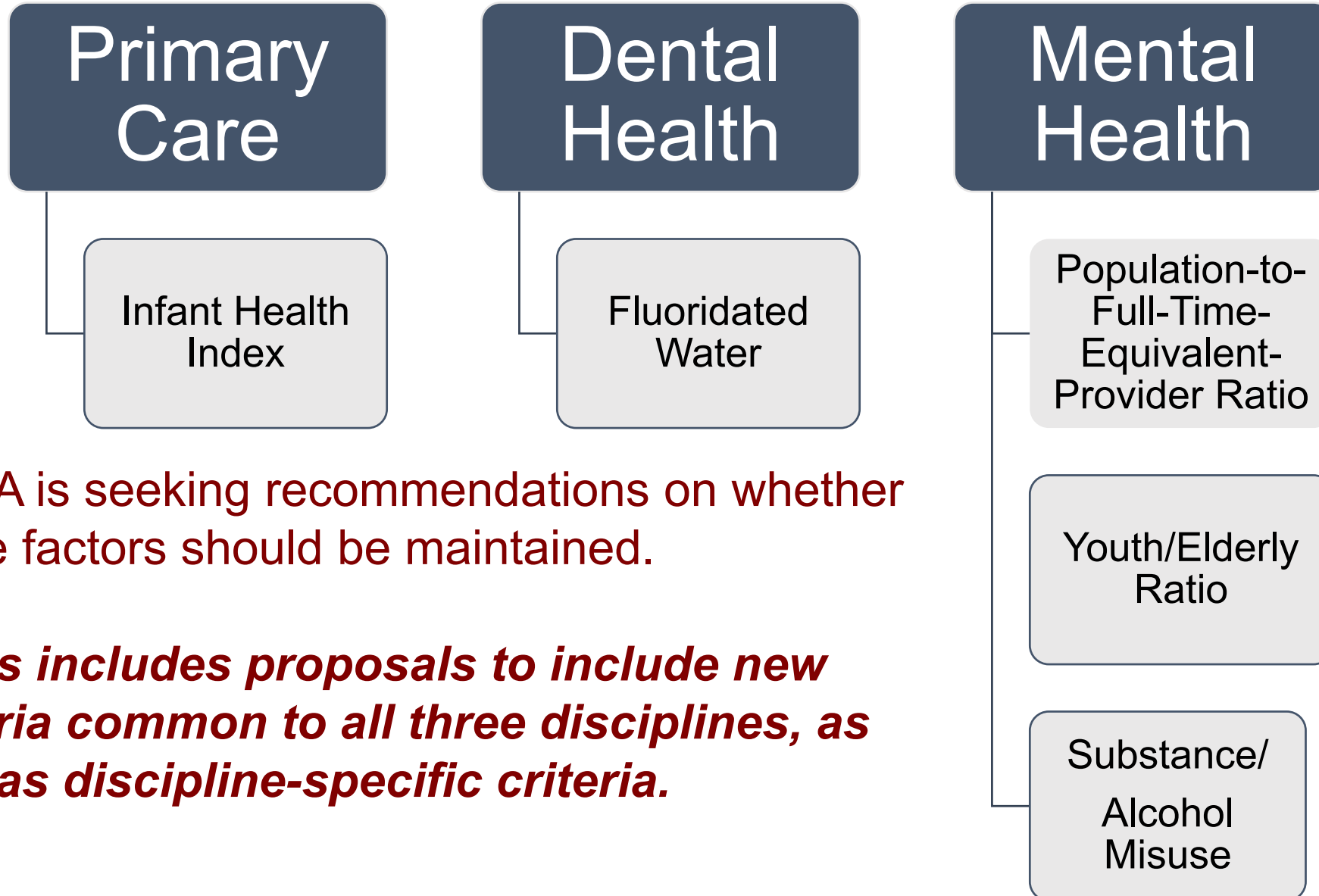
Travel Time or
Distance to
NSC

HRSA is seeking recommendations on whether these factors should be maintained.

HRSA seeks recommendations on the point scale to be applied.



Current Discipline Specific- Criteria



HRSA is seeking recommendations on whether these factors should be maintained.

**** This includes proposals to include new criteria common to all three disciplines, as well as discipline-specific criteria.***

Maternity Care Target Area (MCTA)



Improving Access to Maternity Care Act

Requires:

1. The establishment of criteria for maternity care health professional target areas (MCTAs), that identify geographic areas within primary care Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) that have a shortage of maternity care health professionals;
2. The identification of MCTAs using the criteria established by HRSA;
3. The distribution of maternity care health professionals using the newly-identified MCTAs; and
4. The collection and publication of data comparing the availability and need for maternity care health services in HPSAs and in areas within such HPSAs.

* The statutory requirements define the term “*full scope maternity care*” to include labor, birthing, prenatal, and postpartum care.



MCTA Implementation Plan

- 1. Establishing criteria for identifying MCTAs within existing HPSAs;**
- 2. Developing software to help identify target areas, and modifying the NHSC application and program guidance as necessary;**
- 3. Scoring the relative need of those maternity care target areas; and**
- 4. Distributing NHSC awards to maternity care providers using the established criteria.**



Questions



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