

# New Mexico Department of Health Office of Primary Care and Rural Health

## RURAL HEALTH IN NEW MEXICO IN FY 23

### Rural Primary Health Care Act

# of Contractors: 19

Total Sites: 89

### **Contractor Type:**

16 FQHCs

1 FQHC Look-A-Like

2 RHC designation

### **Patients Seen:**

More than 323,468

### **Primary Care Encounters:**

1,506,342

### Recruitment and Placement of Healthcare Providers

# of providers: 87

# counties placed: 21

# different communities: 37

### NM Health Service Corps

Participants: 7

Fields of Study:

1 PA, 4 CNP, 2 RDH

### National Health Service Corps

Participants:

336 clinicians serving

# of sites: 150

### J-1 Visa Waiver Program

**30 out of 30** Federally Allocated

Slots Filled

### Rural Health Care Practitioner

Tax Credit

**In Tax Year 2022:**

2,069 eligible providers received credit

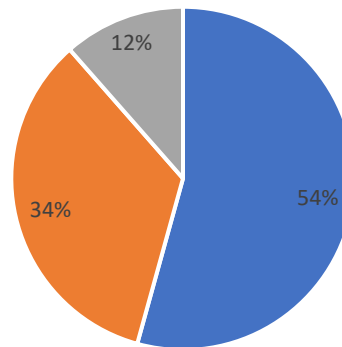
### Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program

**13 hospitals participating** to improve operations through Accountable Care Organization and Value-Based Purchasing

The **Office of Primary Care and Rural Health (OPCRH)** is dedicated to improving access to quality healthcare services in New Mexico by providing collaborative leadership and resources to healthcare and community organizations.

The OPCRH is the recipient and oversight agency of four (4) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) federal grants, in addition

FY 23 Budget



■ General Funds ■ County Support Medicaid Funds ■ Federal Funds

to State general funds. These funds support the healthcare infrastructure and workforce in New Mexico's rural areas, and assist small hospitals in improvements of performance, quality, finance, and operations.

### Primary Care Programs

- Rural Primary Health Care Act (RPHCA) – NMAC 7.29.3
- Primary Care Provider Recruitment and Retention
- Primary Care Capital Fund (PCCF) – NMAC 7.29.4

### Rural Hospital Programs

- Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (Flex) Program
- Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP)

### Health Workforce Development Programs

- J-1 Visa Waiver (Conrad 30) Program
- New Mexico Health Service Corps (NMHSC) – NMAC 7.29.2
- New Mexico Rural Health Care Practitioner Tax Credit Program – NM Statute 7-2-18.22

### HRSA Federal Grants

- Flex
- Primary Care Offices (PCO)
- SHIP
- State Offices of Rural Health (SORH)

For more information, visit <https://www.nmhealth.org/about/phd/pchb/oprh/>.

## Brief Overview of Programs

**Rural Primary Health Care Act (RPHCA) Program** provides financial support to assist in the provision of primary health care services in underserved areas of the state. (NMAC 7.29.3)

- **Primary Care Provider Recruitment and Retention** supports a clearinghouse for recruitment and retention of primary care providers for underserved and rural areas of the state. (NMAC 7.29.3)

**Primary Care Capital Fund (PCCF)**, in cooperation with the New Mexico Finance Authority, the PCCF offers low-interest rate loans to community-based primary care centers and hospices. (NMAC 7.29.4)

**J-1 Visa Waiver (Conrad 30) Program** allows the NMDOH to recommend to the U.S. Department of State that foreign physicians be permitted to extend their residency in the United States while they practice in underserved areas of New Mexico. The NMDOH can support requests for up to 30 candidates per federal fiscal year.

**New Mexico Health Service Corps (NMHSC)** provides financial support to health professional students and licensed health professionals in return for a promise stated in a contract to serve at an eligible community or practice site in New Mexico for at least two years. (NMAC 7.29.2)

**New Mexico Rural Health Care Practitioner Tax Credit Program** is available to health care providers who provide care in rural areas who are certified as eligible by NMDOH for an income tax credit of \$3,000 or \$5,000 (NM Statute 7-2-18.22).

**Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (Flex) Program** supports the development of rural health care networks and the conversion of eligible rural hospitals to Critical Access Hospital (CAH) status. Ten New Mexico hospitals were certified as CAHs.

**Primary Care Offices (PCO)** supports the coordination of state primary care center program activities with those of the HRSA. The PCO works to foster collaboration, provide technical assistance, assess needs, develop workforce for National Health Service Corps (NHSC) and safety net programs, and coordinate Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs).

- **New Mexico Dental Support Center (NMDSC)** provides training and technical assistance to dental providers serving in community health centers and rural areas.

**Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP)** supports improved systems development and quality management in eligible rural hospitals statewide.

**State Offices of Rural Health (SORH)** supports the coordination of state rural health program activities with those of HRSA. It assures effective use of federal and state resources for rural safety net agencies by strengthening state, local, and federal partnerships in rural health.