



OFFICE OF PRIMARY CARE AND RURAL HEALTH



PRIMARY CARE 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 Primary Care Capital Fund offers low-interest rate loans to community-based primary care centers and hospices. (NMAC 7.29.4)

Primary Care Offices (PCO)

Plays a key role in coordinating state primary care center program activities with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The PCO fosters collaboration, offers technical assistance, and conducts needs assessments. Additionally, it works to develop a workforce for the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) and other safety net programs, while also overseeing Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) designations. PCO efforts extend to providing support to dental providers working in community health centers and rural areas.



RURAL HOSPITAL & HEALTH NETWORK PROGRAMS

Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (Flex) Program

Supports Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) in quality improvement, quality reporting, performance improvement, and benchmarking; assists facilities seeking designation as CAHs; and support the provision of rural emergency medical services. Thirteen New Mexico hospitals were certified as CAHs.

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 Health Resources and Services Administration. SORH assures the efficient use of federal and state resources for rural safety net agencies by enhancing partnerships across the state, local, and federal levels in rural health.



HEALTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

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)

J-1 Visa Waiver (Conrad 30) Program

Allows the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) to recommend to the U.S. Department of State that foreign medical graduates to obtain a waiver of their 2-year foreign residence requirement in exchange for a commitment to practice in underserved areas of New Mexico after completion of their training. NMDOH can support requests for up to 30 candidates per federal fiscal year.

New Mexico Rural Health Care Practitioner Tax Credit Program

In cooperation with the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department, this program allows certain health care practitioners who provide health care services in rural areas to apply for an income tax credit of \$3,000 or \$5,000 (Section 7-2-18.22 NMSA 1978). Through NMDOH, eligible practitioners may apply for a Certificate of Eligibility.

New Mexico Dental Support Center (NMDSC)

Provides training and technical assistance to dental providers serving in community health centers and rural areas.

