

CLINICAL/EXPERIENTIAL DEFINITIONS

MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED DEFINED

Medically Underserved Areas/Populations are areas or populations designated by HRSA as having too few primary care providers, high infant mortality, high poverty or a high elderly population. Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) are designated by HRSA as having shortages of primary medical care, dental or mental health providers and may be geographic (a county or service area), population (e.g. low income or Medicaid eligible) or facilities (e.g. federally qualified health center or other state or federal prisons).

RURAL DEFINED

If you are uncertain whether or not a site meets these criteria, you can check via the links below.

- Medically Underserved Area/Population: <https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/shortage-area/mua-find>
- Health Professional Shortage Areas: <https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/shortage-area/hpsa-find>

The federal government loosely defines rural as “everything non-urban” based on a variety of definitions. However, you can use the Am I Rural tool to determine if a particular location meets the requirement for our purposes.

- Am I Rural? Tool: <https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/am-i-rural>

If you are still unsure, do not hesitate to reach out to your center point of contact for assistance.

