



# Eligible Sites for the Choose West Virginia Practice Program Service Obligation

This handbook lists sites which typically qualify for the Choose West Virginia Practice Program service obligation. The document lists the locations of sites across West Virginia by county. Most Federally qualified health centers, federal and state correctional facilities, free clinics, rural health clinics and school-based health centers will typically qualify for the service obligation. Additional contact information for approved service obligations is available at: <http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/dpc/Pages/default.aspx>. Please note this is a fluid list and designations can change per the US Health Resources & Services Administration.

## Disciplines

This handbook is for the following Choose West Virginia Practice Program disciplines to aid in the search for an eligible service site location: *MD/DO primary care including family medicine, geriatrics, general internal medicine, internal medicine/pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, preventive medicine, addiction medicine, emergency medicine, neurology, or psychiatry*<sup>1</sup>.

## Acronym Definitions

CF – Correctional Facility

FQHC – Federally Qualified Health Center

FC – Free Clinic

RHC – Rural Health Clinic

Sites which are designated as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Correctional Facility (CF), Free Clinic (FR) or Rural Health Clinic (RHC) should be approved for the service obligation.

*County Health Professions Shortage Area (HPSA) Designation Definitions (all designations are made by the federal government):*

Geographic HPSA: Geographic HPSAs have a shortage of services for the entire population within an established geographic area.

Population HPSA: Population HPSAs have a shortage of services for a specific population subset within an established geographic area. Frequently Designated Population HPSAs include:

- Medicaid eligible
- Low income
- Migrant farmworker
- Native American/Alaskan Native
- People experiencing homelessness

Facility HPSAs: Facility HPSAs include three categories:

- **Other Facility (OFAC):** Public or non-profit private medical facilities serving a population or geographic area designated as a HPSA with a shortage of health providers.
- **Correctional Facility:** Medium to maximum-security federal and state correctional institutions and youth detention facilities with a shortage of health providers.

<sup>1</sup>Psychiatry applicants may also utilize the Mental Health Loan Repayment Approved Sites List when locating a service site.

- **State Mental Hospitals:** State or county hospitals with a shortage of psychiatric professionals (mental health designations only).

Automatic Facility HPSAs (Auto-HPSAs): Some facilities do not have to apply for a designation. All organizations receiving grants under Health Center Program Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act are FQHCs. They are automatically designated as HPSAs by statute or through regulation. These include:

- **Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)** Health centers that:
  - Provide primary care to an underserved area or population
  - Offer a sliding fee scale
  - Provide comprehensive services
  - Have an ongoing quality assurance program; and
  - Have a governing board of directors.
- **FQHC Look-A-Likes (LALs)**  
Community-based health care providers that meet the requirements of the HRSA Health Center Program, but do not receive Health Center Program funding.
- **Indian Health Facilities**  
Federal Indian Health Service (IHS), tribally run, and Urban Indian health clinics that provide medical services to members of federally recognized tribes and Alaska Natives.
- **IHS and Tribal Hospitals**  
Federal Indian Health Service (IHS) and tribally run hospitals that provide inpatient and outpatient medical services to members of federally recognized tribes and Alaska Natives.
- **Dual-funded Community Health Centers/Tribal Clinics**  
Health centers that receive funding from tribal entities and HRSA to provide medical services to members of federally recognized tribes and Alaska Natives.
- **CMS-Certified Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) that meet National Health Service Corps (NHSC) site requirements**  
Outpatient clinics located in non-urbanized areas which CMS certifies as RHCs and meet NHSC Site requirements including accepting Medicaid, CHIP, and providing services on a sliding fee scale.

For more information on how service areas are designated, please review the following:

<https://www.hhs.gov/guidance/document/hpsa-and-muap-shortage-designation-types>

### **Site Criteria for Choose WV Service Obligation**

To be an eligible site for the Choose WV Practice Program the site must have one or more of the above listed designations definitions and serve the specific designated population.

#### Geographic HPSA

Most sites located in counties designated as a **Geographic HPSA** will qualify for the Choose WV service obligation. All service sites must be reviewed prior to being approved.

#### Low Income HPSA

For sites designated as a **Low Income HPSA**, documentation must be submitted showing the majority of patients served meet the designation criteria above. Documentation should be submitted by the site administrator or supervisor to the Health Science Program Administrator at [ChooseWV@wvhepc.edu](mailto:ChooseWV@wvhepc.edu). Participants additionally must submit a Choose WV Service Site Waiver to be reviewed by the Vice Chancellor of Health Sciences.

For a list of current eligible FQHCs, FQHC-LAL, RHC, CMS, please visit:

<https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/shortage-area/hpsa-find>. The list is updated continuously.

### Not a HPSA

For sites located in counties that are designated as **Not a HPSA County** and are not listed as a FQHC, FC, RHC, CF, documentation must be submitted showing the majority of patients served meet the designations criteria above. Documentation should be submitted by the site administrator or supervisor to the Health Science Program Administrator at [ChooseWV@wvhepc.edu](mailto:ChooseWV@wvhepc.edu). Participants additionally must submit a Choose WV Service Site Waiver to be reviewed by the Vice Chancellor of Health Sciences.

Counties which are not designated as a HPSA may have facilities located within the county which may qualify for the Choose WV service obligation. Sites in these counties can be reviewed on a case-by-case basis through the Choose WV service waiver process.

### New Practice or Lack of Supporting Data

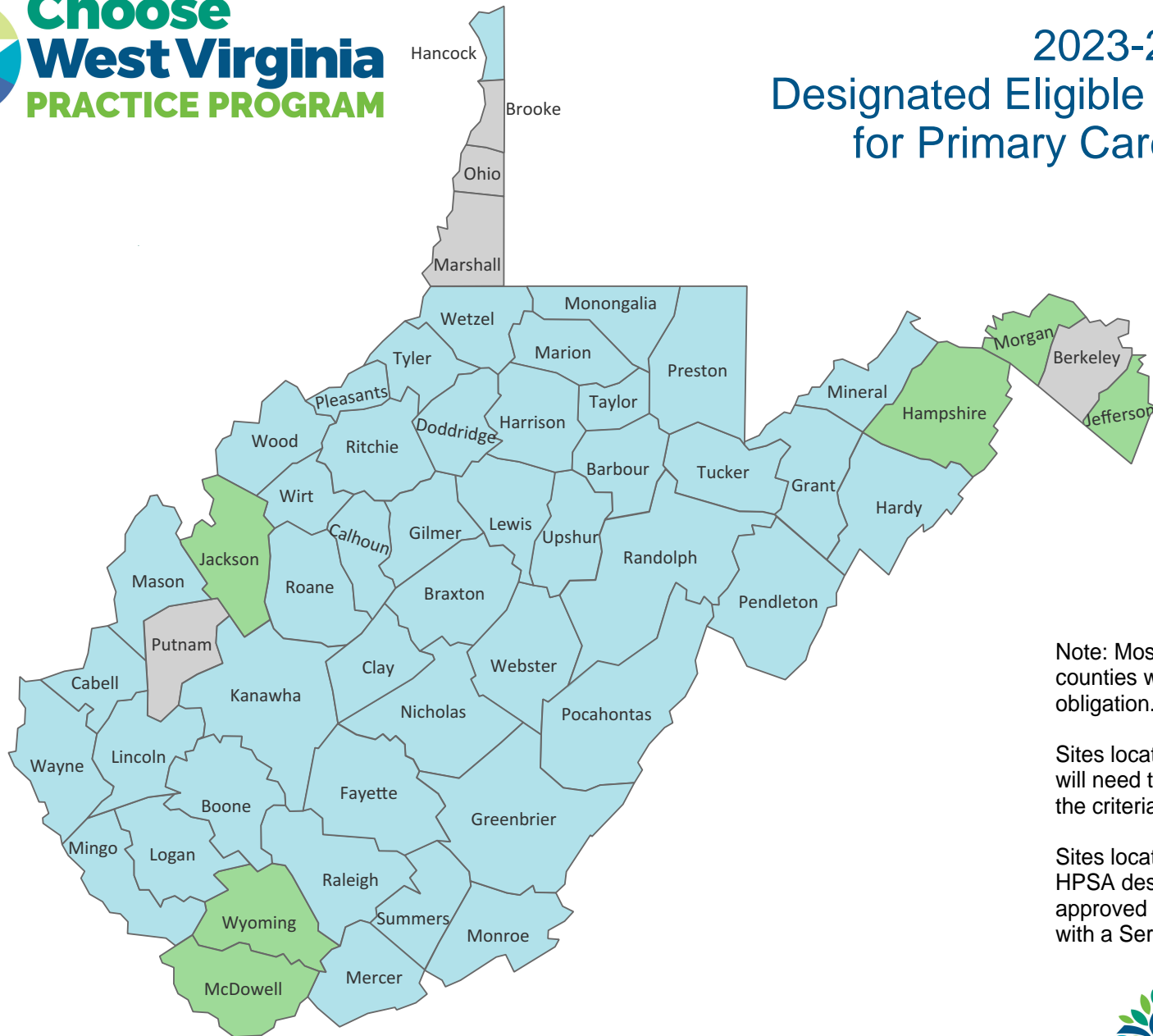
For sites which may be a new practice and do not have sufficient patient data, participants can ask for a deferment for six calendar months to gather patient data and submit at the end of the deferment period. If sufficient data have been collected to show the majority of the patient population meets the criteria, a Choose WV Service Site Waiver can be submitted for review of the site.

The sites listed on the following pages typically qualify for the Choose WV Practice Program service obligation. The document lists the locations of eligible sites across West Virginia by county and includes the site name, site city and site designation. Please note this list is meant to be used as a guidance tool and is not an all-encompassing list. Designation status can change and be updated at any time.

If you have any additional questions about service site locations or the Choose WV Practice Program, please contact: [ChooseWV@wvhepc.edu](mailto:ChooseWV@wvhepc.edu).



# 2023-2024 Designated Eligible Service Area Map for Primary Care Health Sites



**Designation Type**  
■ Geographic  
■ Low Income  
■ None

Note: Most sites in geographic designated counties will qualify for the ChWV service obligation.

Sites located in low-income designated counties will need to be approved to determine if they meet the criteria via a patient population summary.

Sites located in counties which do not have a HPSA designation must be requested to be approved by the Vice Chancellor of Health Sciences with a Service Site Waiver.

