

The BPHC Newly Funded TA Web Guide Resources for New and Existing Grantees

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The BPHC Newly Funded TA Web Guide is a self assessment tool designed to help new BPHC grantees provide high-quality primary health care from the day they open their doors for business. The Guide is a central hub for links to HRSA-approved templates, information pages, and policy documents, and many other resources. The intent of the Web Guide is to help Health Center grantees improve their quality and efficiency, work within Health Center Program Requirements, and access Federal policies, programs and resources intended for the specific needs of Health Centers.

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1e. National Health Service Corps

What is the National Health Service Corps?

The [National Health Service Corps](#) (NHSC), through scholarship and loan repayment programs, helps [Health Professional Shortage Areas](#) (HPSAs) in the United States get the medical, dental, and mental health providers they need. Since 1972, more than 30,000 clinicians have served in the Corps, expanding access to health care services and improving the health of people who live in urban and rural areas where health care is scarce. About half of all NHSC clinicians work in HRSA-supported Health Centers, delivering preventive and primary care services to patients regardless of their ability to pay. Health Centers automatically qualify as NHSC sites. See the NHSC [Service Site Reference Manual](#) for more information.

Full- and Half-Time NHSC Opportunities

The NHSC offers both full- and half-time positions. Qualifying providers can search for all NHSC job opportunities [here](#). The Affordable Care Act contains provisions allowing current providers to convert from full-time to half-time. More information on this opportunity is found [here](#).

Scholarship

The [NHSC Scholarship](#) is a competitive program that pays tuition, fees and provides a living stipend to students enrolled in accredited medical (MD or DO), dental, nurse practitioner, certified nurse midwife, and physician assistant training. Upon graduation, scholarship recipients serve as primary care providers between 2 and 4 years in a community-based site in a high-need HPSA that has applied to and been approved by the NHSC as a service site.

Awards are made to applicants most committed to serving underserved people and most likely to build successful careers in HPSAs and meet future needs for care throughout the Nation.

Loan Repayment

The NHSC [Loan Repayment Program](#) offers fully trained primary care physicians (MD or DO), family nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, physician assistants, dentists, dental hygienists, and certain mental health clinicians \$60,000 to repay student loans in exchange for 2 years serving in a community-based site in a high-need HPSA that has applied to and been approved by the NHSC as a service site. After completing their 2 years of service, loan repayors may apply for additional years of support.

The loan repayment program recruits both clinicians just completing training and seasoned professionals to meet the immediate need for care throughout the Nation.

Links and Additional Resources:

NHSC [Home Page](#).

NHSC [Loan Repayment Information](#).

NHSC and Indian Health Service (IHS) Collaborative Program [Fact Sheet](#).