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Shortage Designation Updates

Dear Colleagues:

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and State Primary Care Offices have been working together to update Health Professional Shortage area (HPSA) designations across the country.

During 2021 - 2022, the DC Primary Care Office (PCO) assessed the health care needs of residents and the provider distribution across the District and identified the greatest shortage was for residents enrolled in Medicaid. This is a change from previous assessments and designations which identified need by geography, low-income, and people experiencing homelessness.

With new HPSA designations, HRSA will complete the clerical task to withdraw the previous primary care and mental health HPSA designations on July 1, 2023. Summarized in "HPSA Withdrawal Updates" is a table and maps of these changes.

Impact

There was no loss in geographic coverage of HPSAs (see maps).

No FQHC or community health center attached to a HPSA designation are anticipated to be negatively affected by the HPSA withdrawal.

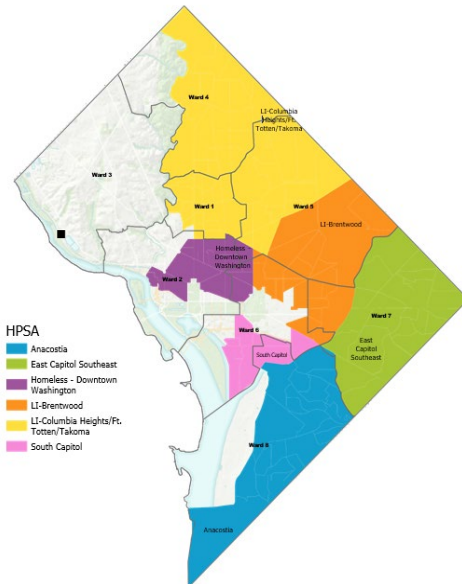
The new HPSAs have an equal or greater score than previous HPSAs, which allows providers to be more competitive for federal loan repayment programs, such as National Health Service Corps.

HPSA Updates

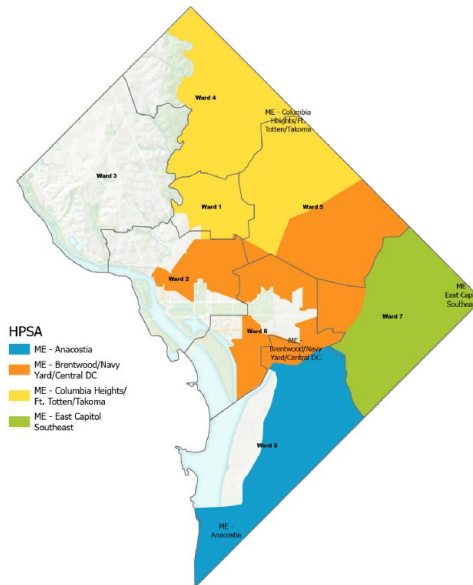
Discipline	Previous HPSA			New HPSA		
	Name	Type	Score	Name	Type	Score
Primary Care	Anacostia	High Needs Geographic HPSA	8	ME - Anacostia	HPSA Population Medicaid Eligible	21
	LI-Columbia Heights/Ft. Totten/Takoma	HPSA Population Low Income	15	ME - Columbia Heights/Ft. Totten/Takoma	HPSA Population Medicaid Eligible	18
	East Capitol Southeast	High Needs Geographic HPSA	7	ME - East Capitol Southeast	HPSA Population Medicaid Eligible	20
	Homeless – Downtown Washington	HPSA Population Homeless	14	ME-Brentwood/Navy Yard/Central DC	HPSA Population Medicaid Eligible	18
	Low Income - Brentwood	HPSA Population Low Income	18	ME-Brentwood/Navy Yard/Central DC	HPSA Population Medicaid Eligible	18
	South Capitol	High Needs Geographic HPSA	13	ME-Brentwood/Navy Yard/Central DC	HPSA Population Medicaid Eligible	18
Mental Health	Anacostia	High Needs Geographic HPSA	13	ME - Anacostia	HPSA Population Medicaid Eligible	16

Primary Care HPSAs

Previous HPSA

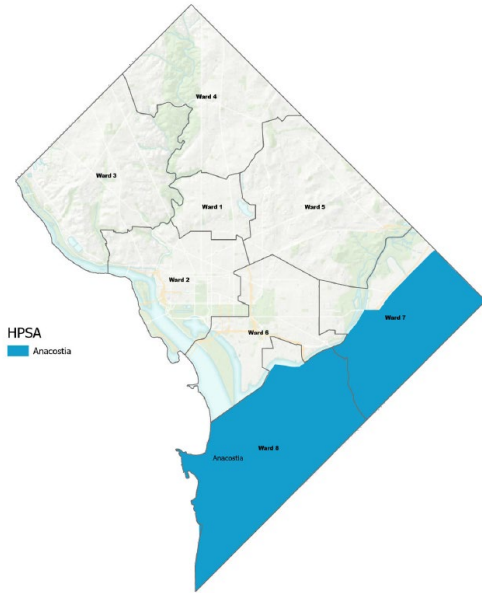


New HPSA

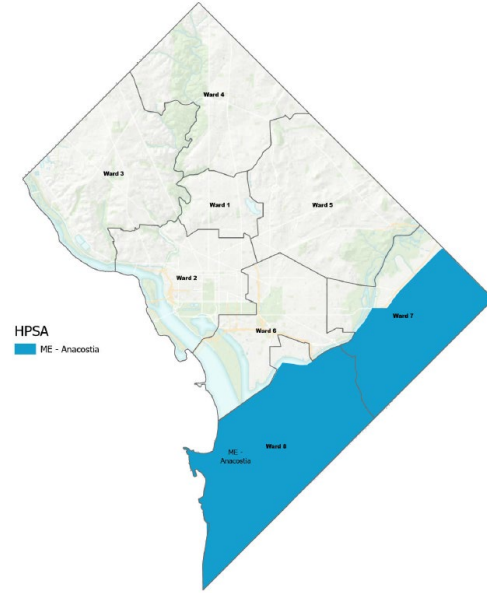


Mental Health HPSAs

Previous HPSA



New HPSA



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Best Regards,

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