

National Health Service Corps

Workforce Strategy for Safety Net Providers



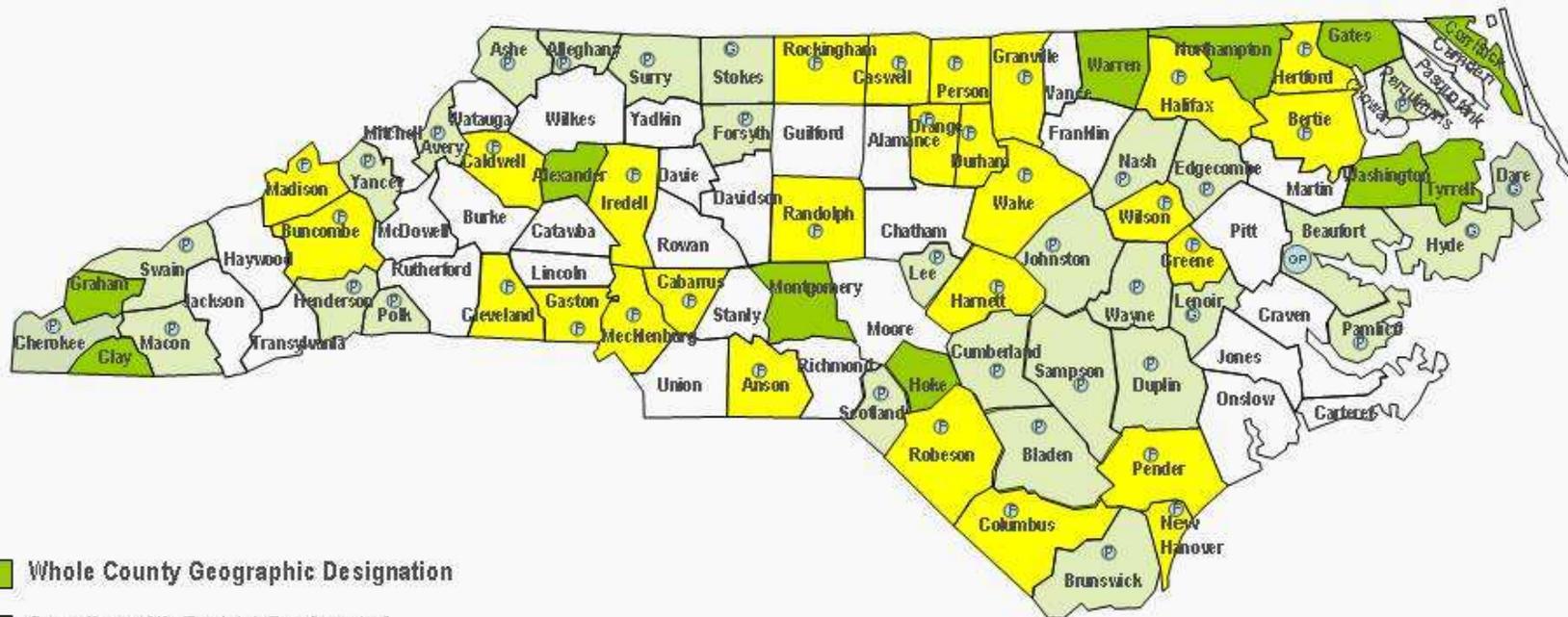
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National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program

- Budget (national):
 - \$300 million ARRA funding (2009-2011) plus regular appropriation of \$139 million annually
 - Appropriated \$1.5 billion over five years to NHSC in health reform law (Sec 10503), annual adjustments thereafter
- Eligible providers:
 - Primary care, dental, and psychiatric (physician and mid-level providers) plus psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, psychiatric nurse specialists, marriage and family therapists, and licensed professional counselors
- Eligible communities:
 - Must be located in a HPSA

Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Counties

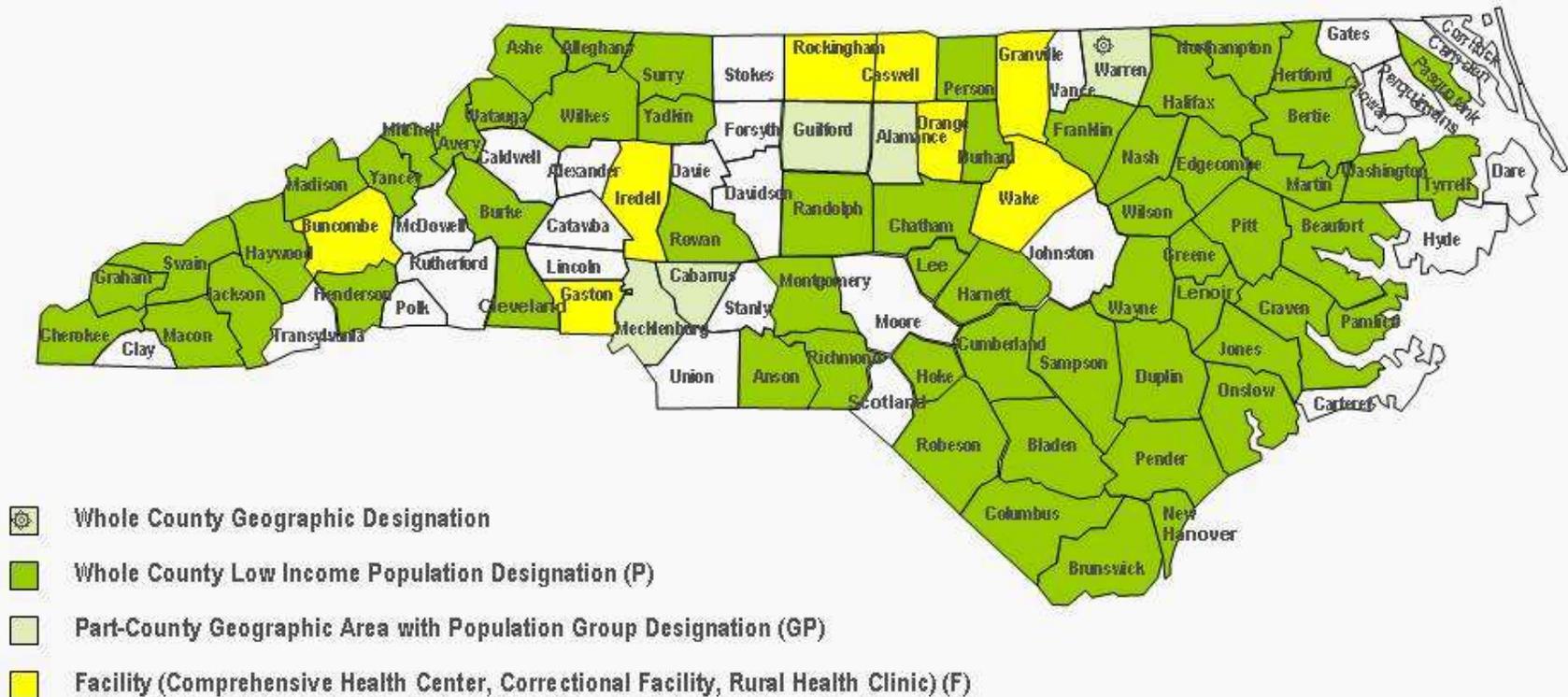
Primary Medical Care



- Whole County Geographic Designation
- Counties with Part (s) Designated
 - Part-County Geographic Designation
 - Part-County Population Group Designation
 - Part-County Geographic Area with Population Group Designation
- Facility (Comprehensive Health Center, Rural Health Clinic, Correctional) Only

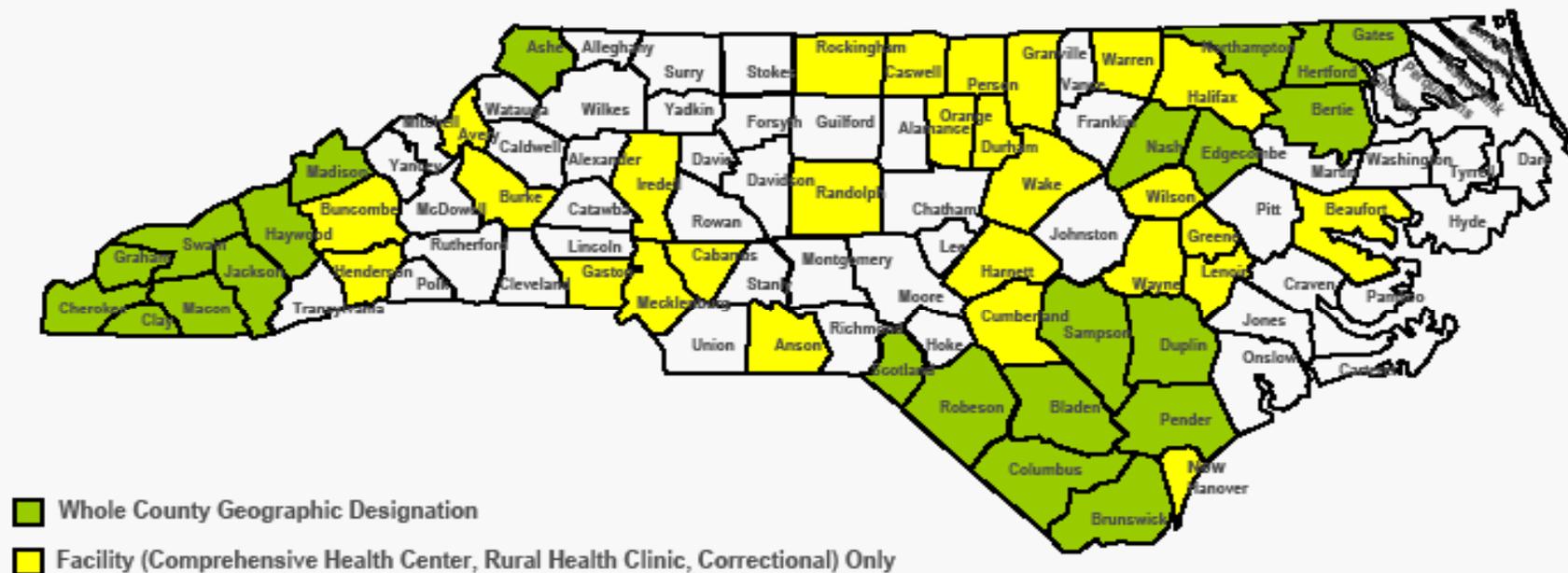
Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Counties

Dental



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Mental Health



National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (Continued)

- Maximum award:
 - \$50,000 (2 years)
 - \$35,000 each for years 3 and 4
 - \$25,000 for year 5
 - \$20,000 for year 6
 - \$15,000 for years 7 and above
- Penalty for non-completion of obligation:
 - Repay full amount received, and
 - Pay a penalty of \$7,500 per month of obligated service not completed, and
 - Pay interest on the above amounts at the maximum prevailing rate

State Medical, Dental, & Psychiatric Provider Incentives

- Budget: \$1,976,855
- Eligible providers:
 - Primary care, dental, and psychiatric (physician and mid-level providers)
- Eligible communities:
 - State-funded rural health centers, federally-qualified health centers, free clinics, and public health departments (regardless of location)
 - Community-based non-profit practices located in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs)
- Maximum award:
 - \$100,000 for physicians and dentists (4 years)
 - \$60,000 for mid-level provides (4 years)

State Medical, Dental, & Psychiatric Provider Incentives (Continued)

- Sliding scale payment for every 6 months of service, with smaller payments in the beginning and larger payments in years 3 and 4
- Encourages provider retention
- No penalty for leaving early, other than ceasing payment
- State does not become a collection agent

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