



South Carolina Rural Provider Incentive Program

About the Program

To address the maldistribution of healthcare providers in South Carolina, the Rural Provider Incentive Program provides financial incentives to qualified healthcare providers who contract to practice in rural and underserved areas for up to 4 years.

Physicians

- Practicing in counties with populations less than 50,000 could receive up to \$25,000 per year
- Practicing in rural areas of other counties or working in federally qualified health centers in urban areas could receive up to \$15,000 per year

Advanced Practice Providers

(Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Midwives and Physician Assistants)

- Practicing in counties with populations less than 50,000 could receive up to \$12,500 per year
- Practicing in rural areas of other counties or working in federally qualified health centers in urban areas could receive up to \$7,500 per year

Applicant Scoring

Candidates are prioritized using an objective checklist that awards points for categories such as community need, specialty and retention factors (e.g., education and/or training in South Carolina).

How to Apply

The application cycle for the Rural Provider Incentive Program opens yearly in October and closes in March (see [the website](#) for specific dates). Applicants who are selected for funding are notified in July. Along with your completed online application, you must submit required materials including your curriculum vitae (CV) and Practice Site Profile form at the time of application. More information on the application process can be found on the [Recruitment & Retention Programs webpage](#).

Eligibility

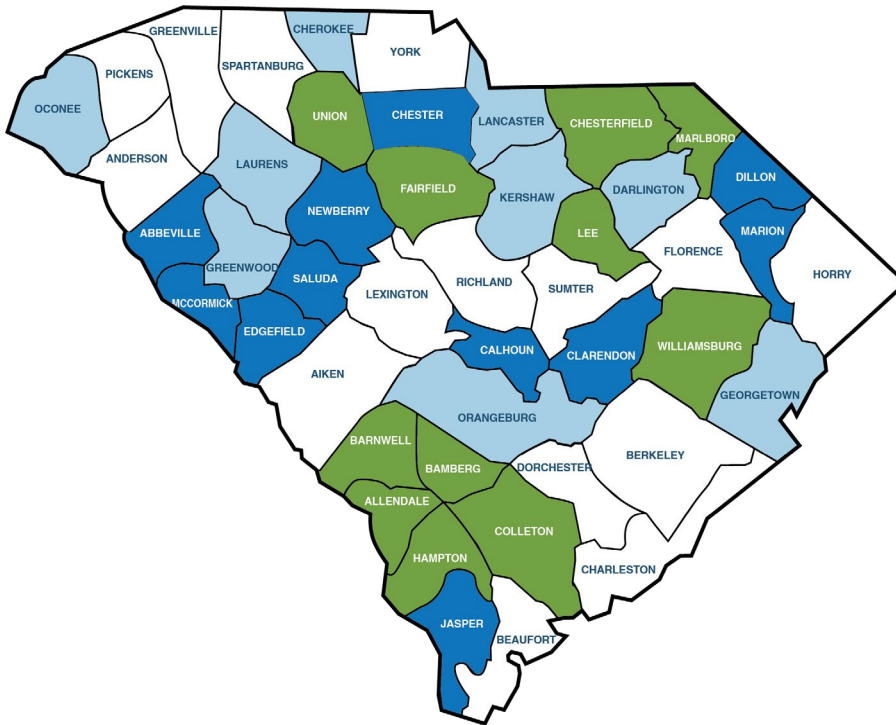
- Primary care physicians (family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, OB/GYN) as well as general surgeons and psychiatrists
- Nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, and physician assistants in the above specialties
- Must practice in an outpatient setting in an underserved area (see map on back of handout)
- Must work 40 hrs/week to qualify for full-time incentives, 20 hrs/week for part-time incentives
- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Have practiced in the community for less than 5 years
- Cannot have previously received an award from the Rural Provider Incentive Program or Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program

Find more information and apply online at:

www.scahec.net/recruitment



South Carolina Rural Provider Incentive Program County Designations



- First Priority: Geographic HPSA***
 Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Chesterfield, Colleton, Fairfield, Hampton, Lee, Marlboro, Union & Williamsburg
- Second Priority: Counties with population less than 50,000**
 Abbeville, Calhoun, Chester, Clarendon, Dillon, Edgefield, Jasper, Marion, McCormick, Newberry & Saluda
- Third Priority: Counties with population more than 50,000
Must practice in a rural area or urban FQHC to qualify**
 Cherokee, Darlington, Georgetown, Greenwood, Kershaw, Lancaster, Laurens, Oconee & Orangeburg
- Fourth Priority: Counties with population more than 100,000
Must practice in a rural area or urban FQHC to qualify**
 Aiken, Anderson, Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester, Florence, Greenville, Horry, Lexington, Pickens, Richland, Spartanburg, Sumter & York

*Geographic Health Professions Shortage Areas (HPSA), rural and non-urbanized determinations are made based on SC DPH's Office of Primary Care and U.S. Census data.

Please contact retention@scahec.net to determine the eligibility of a specific site address.

Example Funding Scenarios

- A full-time family medicine physician practicing in Kingstree could receive \$25,000/year for 4 years.
- A full-time family medicine physician practicing in Dillon could receive \$15,000/year for 4 years.
- A full-time nurse practitioner practicing in Union could receive \$12,500/year for 4 years.
- A full-time nurse practitioner practicing in Seneca could receive \$7,500/year for 4 years.

This information is for illustrative purposes only. Funding levels are determined based on each applicant's practice location(s).

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