Eligibility Requirements

Community-based health care clinics located in Pennsylvania that provide comprehensive primary health services to all patients regardless of patient’s ability to pay.

Applicants must be one of the following:
- Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or FQHC-Look Alike;
- Certified Rural Health Clinic (with a facility Primary Care HPSA designation);
- Hospital Health Clinic: A clinic owned and operated by a hospital or health system that provides outpatient comprehensive primary health services;
- Free Health Clinic (services through volunteer and non-volunteer health care providers): A clinic that does not accept reimbursement for health care services from any third-party payer, which would include reimbursement under any insurance policies or health benefits plans, including Federal or state health benefits programs. The clinic does not charge patients for services provided based on the ability to pay or otherwise. The clinic may accept voluntary donations for the provision of services;
- Nurse Manager Health Care Clinic: A clinic that provides primary health services and is managed by a Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner or a Certified Nurse Midwife.

Site Locations must be in one of the following:
- Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA);
- Medically Underserved Area/Population (MUA/P);
- A facility with an automatic HPSA designation;

OR

- Serve a minimum of 30 percent low income patients at the location from January 1 to December 31 of the prior year. This would include the following categories:
  - Medicaid (MA)
  - Discounted/sliding fee scale
  - No Pay

To determine site eligibility please visit Find Shortage Areas