



2025 National Shortage Designation Update (NSDU)

Introducing New Data to Existing HPSAs

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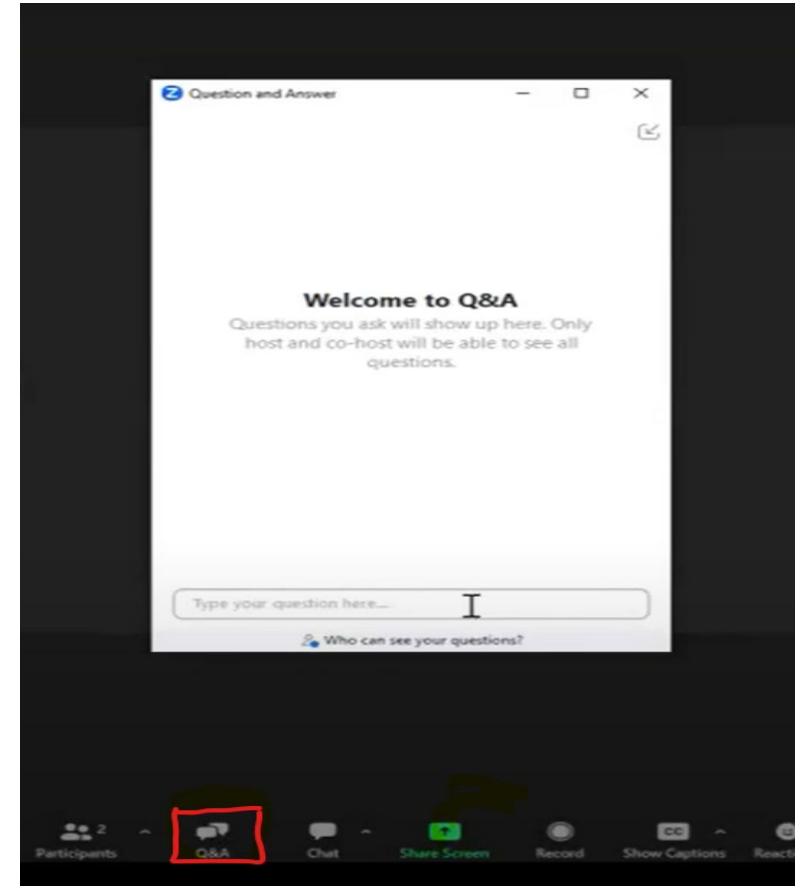


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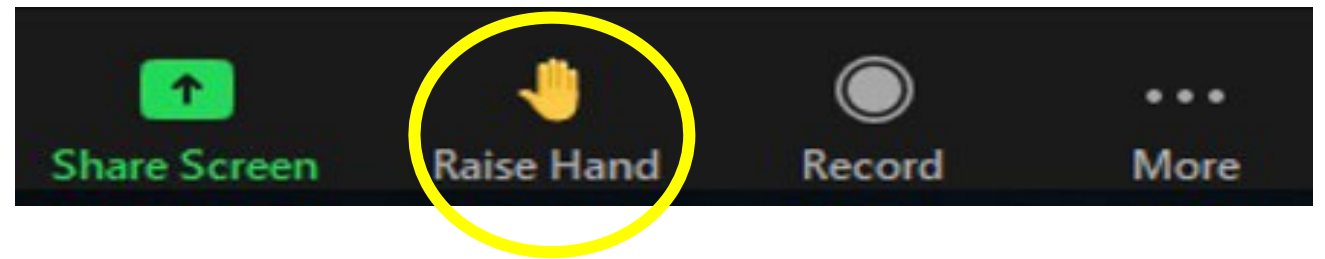
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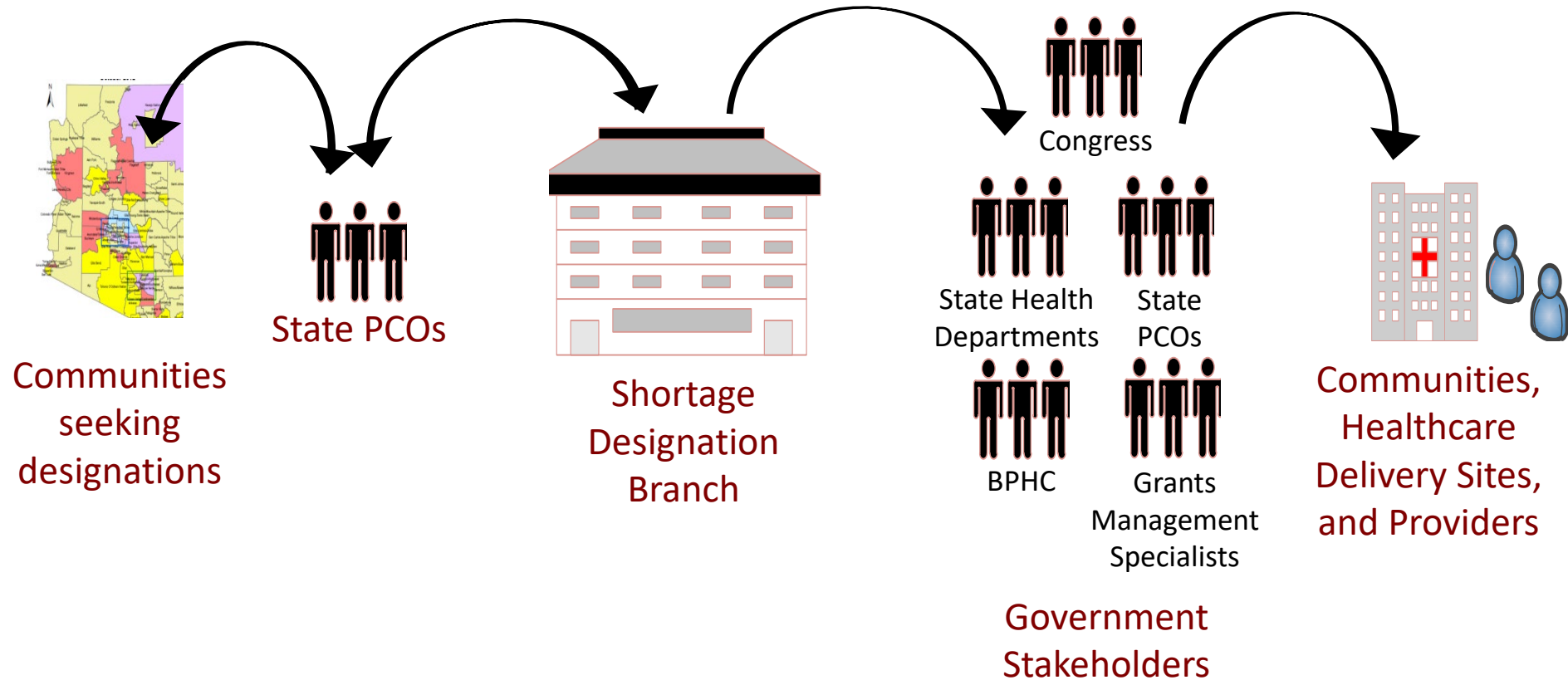
Agenda

Let's talk about...

- Health Professional Shortage Area and Maternity Care Target Area Refresher
- Source Data Update
- National Shortage Designation Update – Information and Effects
- Primary Care Office (PCO) Involvement in the NSDU Process
- Contact Information
- Questions/Answers



Shortage Designation At a Glance



Types of HPSAs

Health Professional Shortage Areas

Provider shortages span three critical fields:

- Primary Care
- Dental Health
- Mental Health

Designations apply across geographic areas, population groups, and facilities.

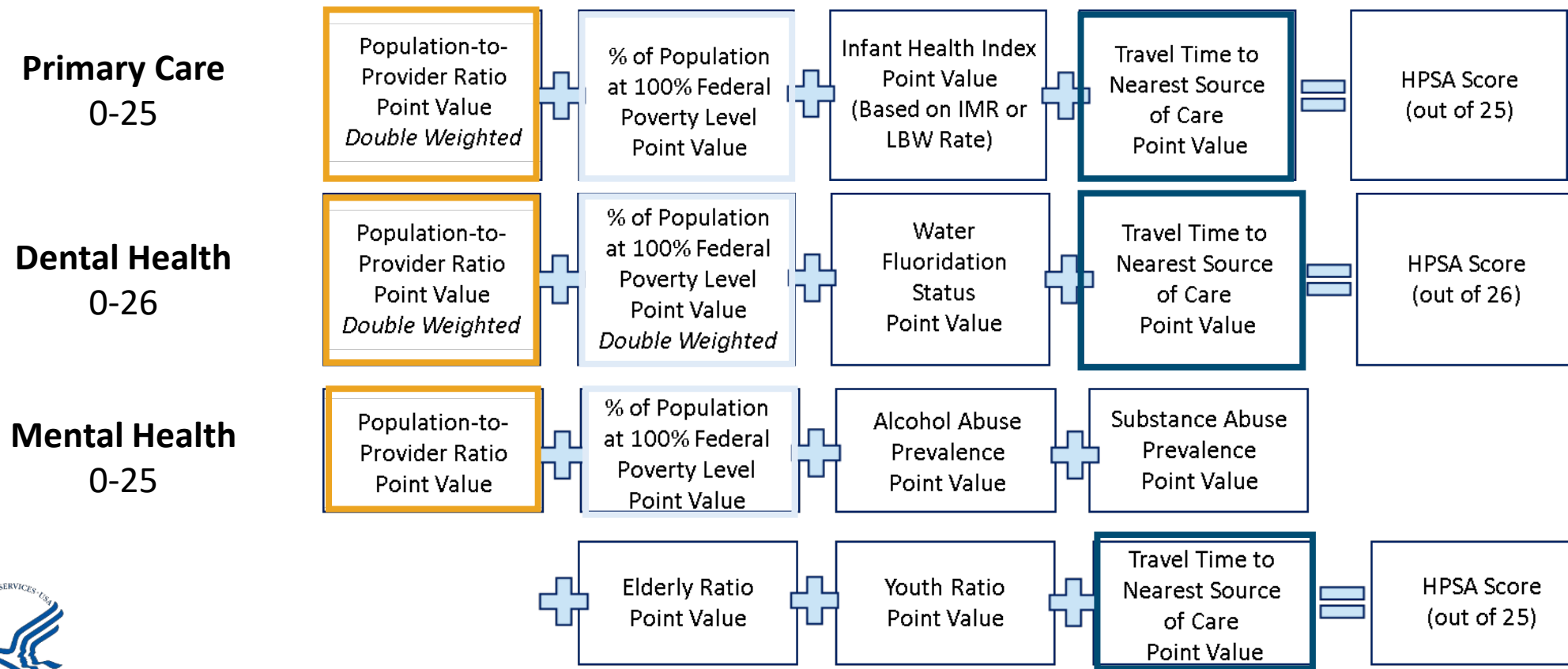
HPSA Designation Criteria

To achieve a designation, the area under consideration must:

- 1 Be a **rational area** for the delivery of services
- 2 Meet minimum eligibility **population to provider ratios**; and
- 3 Demonstrate that health professionals in contiguous areas are **excessively distant, over-utilized, or inaccessible** to the population under consideration.

HPSA Scoring Criteria

HPSA scores are based on a variety of factors and range from 0 to 25 in the case of Primary Care and Mental Health, and 0 to 26 in the case of Dental Health



Automatically Designated Facility HPSAs

Using the statute and regulations, HRSA has deemed the following facility types as eligible for automatic HPSAs:

- ✓ **Health Centers (funded under Sec. 330)**
- ✓ **Health Center Look-Alikes**
- ✓ **Tribally-Run Clinics**
- ✓ **Urban Indian Organizations**
- ✓ **Dual-Funded Tribal Health Centers**
- ✓ **Federally-Run Indian Health Service Clinics**
- ✓ **Rural Health Clinics**



Maternity Care Target Area Supplementary Scoring Criteria

Final Criteria

Population-to-Provider Ratio

- Women between the ages of 15-44 years old
- Obstetrician/Gynecologists (OB/GYNs) and Certified Nurse Midwives (CNMs)

Population with Income at or below 200% of Federal Poverty Level

Determine percentage of people living in the service area at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)

Travel Time & Distance to the Nearest Source of Care

Identify closest provider location where the residents of the area or designated population have access to comprehensive maternity care services

Fertility Rate

Determine increased need for maternity care services among populations that experience a higher rate of births

Social Vulnerability Index

Determine increased need for maternity care services among populations which experience a higher rate of social vulnerability using the CDC's SVI

Preconception Health Index

- Pre-pregnancy obesity
- Pre-pregnancy diabetes
- Pre-pregnancy hypertension
- Prenatal care initiation in the 1st trimester
- Cigarette Smoking
- Behavioral Health Factor



Improving Access to Maternity Care Act

P.L. 115-320; Public Health Service Act, Section 332(k)



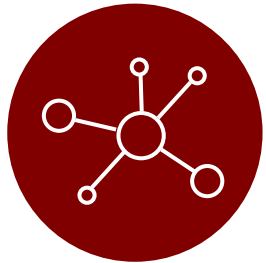
Establishment

Criteria for Maternity Care Health Professional Target Areas (MCTAs)



Distribution

Maternity care health professionals using the newly identified MCTAs



Identification

Within existing Primary Care HPSAs using established MCTA criteria



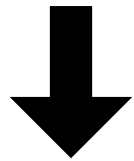
Data Collection & Publication

Compare the availability and need for maternity care health services in HPSAs and areas within such HPSAs

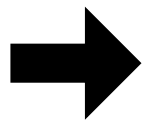
Designation Status Workflow through BHW Systems



PCO submits
application

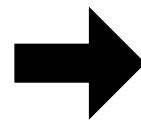


HRSA
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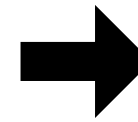


HRSA analyst
determination

Approved
Not Approved
Return to PCO



HPSA
information sent
to HRSA Data
Warehouse



HPSA
information
sent
to BMISS

Shortage Designation
Management System
(SDMS)

24 hours

HRSA Data
Warehouse
(HDW)

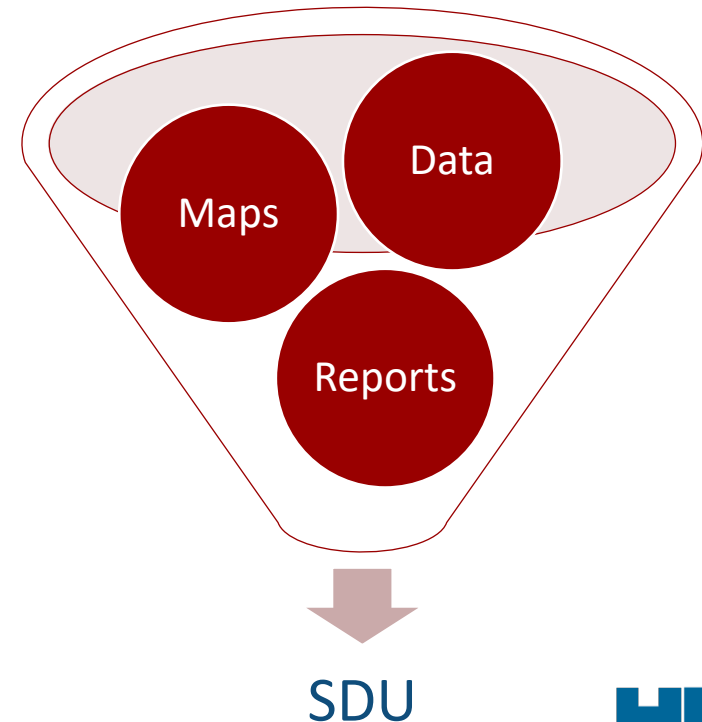
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Bureau of Health
Workforce Management
Information System
Solution (BMISS)



What is the Source Data Update (SDU)?

- HRSA updates the datasets we use to designate and score HPSAs on a regular basis.
- Census, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, ESRI ARC GIS maps, and Uniform Data System (UDS)
- Current data sets: 2023
- Not automatically applied to designated HPSAs
 - PCOs – update/apply
 - HRSA – NSDU



What is the National Shortage Designation Update (NSDU)?



- HRSA initiated update of Health Professional Shortage Areas and Maternity Care Target Areas
 - Includes Primary Care, Dental Health, and Mental Health HPSAs
 - ✓ Geographic, Geographic High Needs, Low Income Population, and Automatically Designated Facility HPSAs
 - Includes Maternity Care Target Areas
- Uses new source data
- Checks the three regulatory criteria and updates HPSA/MCTA scores
- Previews of affected designations released in the Shortage Designation Management System (SDMS) monthly starting March 28, 2025
- Anticipated run: September 23, 2025

2025 NSDU Update Preview

Eligibility

Geographic/Population HPSAs

- Must be one of the following designation types:
 - Geographic
 - Geographic High needs
 - Low Income Population
 - Low Income Special Population
 - Low Income Homeless Population
 - Low Income Migrant Farmworker Population
 - Low Income Homeless Migrant Farmworker Population
 - Low Income Migrant Seasonal Worker Population
 - Low Income Homeless Migrant Seasonal Worker Population
 - Native American Population
- Must be in a “Designated” Status
- Must not be in a territory
- Must not be part of a withdrawal bundle
- Must not be designated or updated after the 2025 SDU* (Eligible created or updated between 3/21/21 and 3/15/25)

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Eligibility (Cont.)

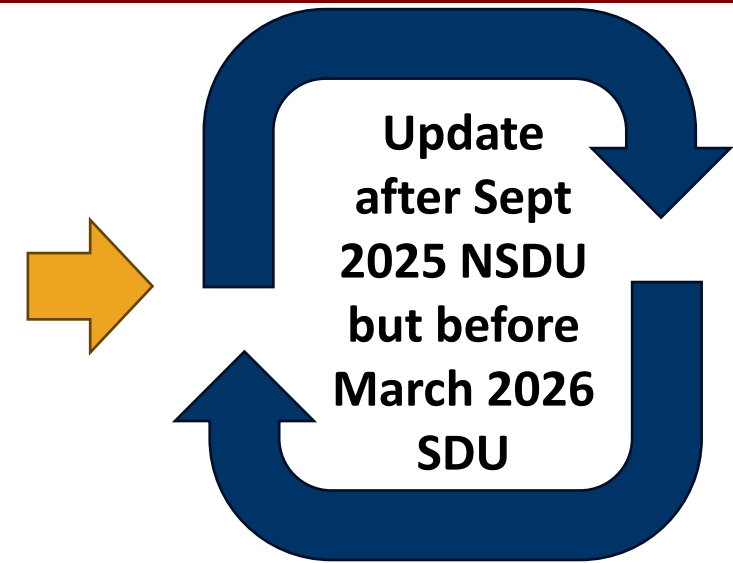
Auto-HSPA	MCTA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be in a “Designated” status• Must not have a supplemental data rescore that includes service area changes in an “Under Review” status• Must not have a system data rescore or supplemental data rescore with service area changes completed after the 2025 SDU*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Includes all HPSA types including Medicaid and Homeless• Must be in a “Designated” Status• Does include territories

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Exclusions

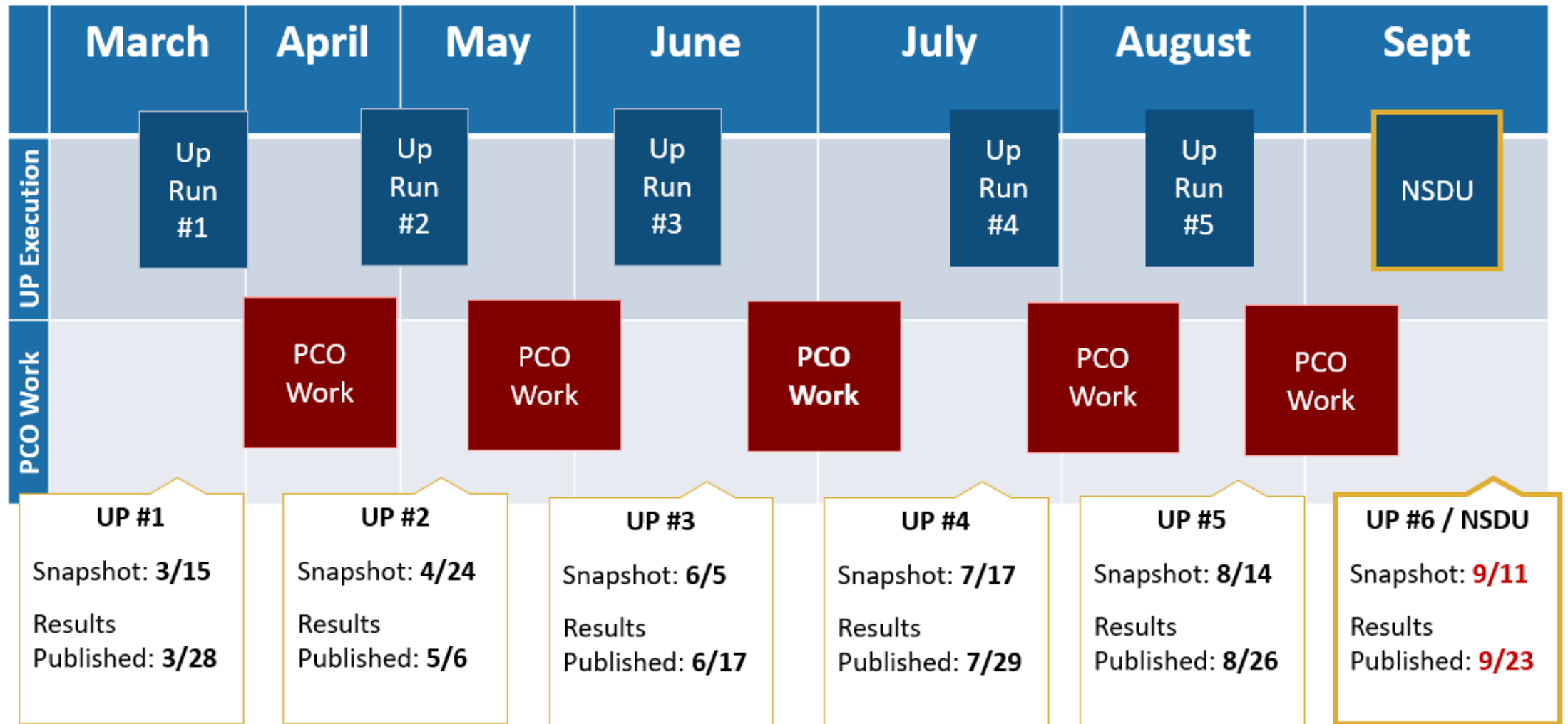
Designations Not Subject to the NSDU

- The following designation types:
 - Medicaid Eligible Population HPSAs
 - Other Facility (OFAC) HPSAs
 - Correctional Facility HPSAs
 - State/County Mental Hospital Facility HPSAs
 - Other Population HPSAs
 - Territory HPSAs
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- Eligible HPSAs on previous slide updated after 2025 SDU (3/15/25)



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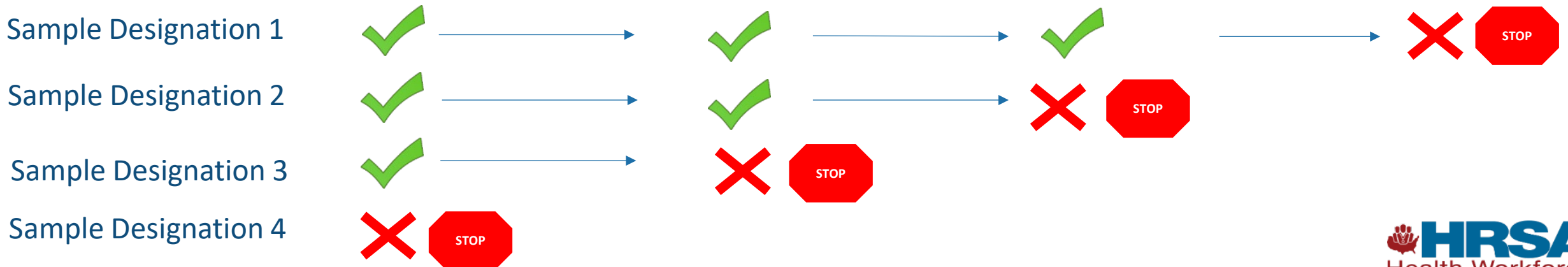
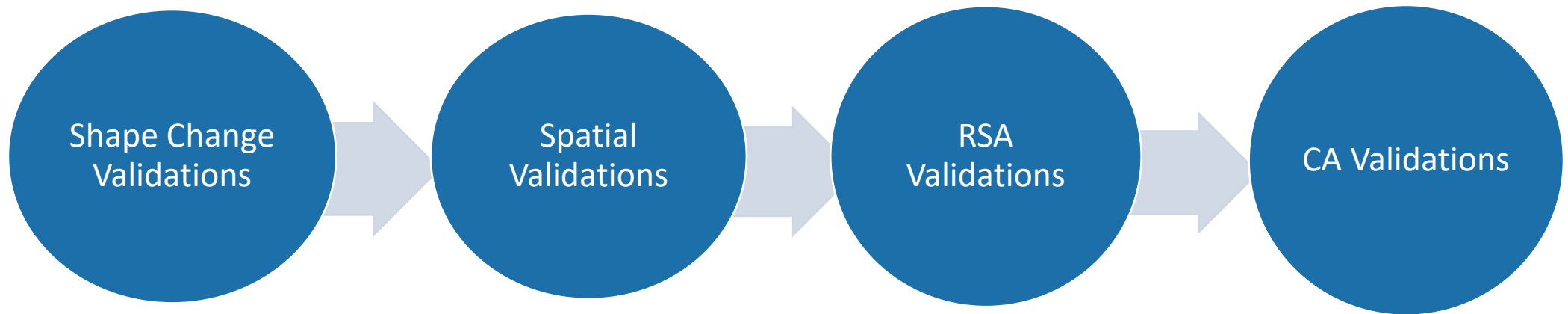
Targeted Timeline



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Geo/Pop NSDU Validation Workflow Summary

The Designation will stop moving through the Update Preview workflow at the first failure and will not continue through the additional validation checks.



2025 NSDU Update Preview

Geo/Pop UP State Summary

- Access eligible Geographic and Population UP results for your state under the Designation Management Landing Page
- The State summary screen will list all eligible designations processed through the UP process and a summary of their outcome
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Update Preview Results

[Download Table](#)

Run Date - 3/5/2025

Below are the results of the most recent update preview, which demonstrates what may occur when the national update of HPSA designations takes place. This report is for information purposes only. No changes to HPSA designations or scores have been made.

Show
entries

Showing 1 to 10 of 239 entries

DESIGNATION ID	DESIGNATION NAME	PUBLIC ID	DISCIPLINE	HPSA TYPE	INITIAL DESIGNATED DATE	LAST APPROVED DESIGNATED DATE	PRE-UPDATE SCORE	UPDATE PREVIEW HPSA SCORE	UPDATE PREVIEW MCTA SCORE	UPDATE PREVIEW COMPONENT VALIDATION RESULTS	UPDATE PREVIEW RSA VALIDATION RESULTS	UPDATE PREVIEW CA VALIDATION RESULTS
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154271	Alton MICA	7173287503	Mental Health	Hpsa Geographic	09/10/2021	09/09/2021	12	No Score	No Score	Failed	Not Run	Not Run
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Auto-HPSA UP State Summary

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Update Preview State Summary

Search Update Preview Results

Designation/Organization Name Designation ID Public ID Organization Unique ID

Discipline Organization Type

Search Clear

Update Preview Results [Download Table](#)

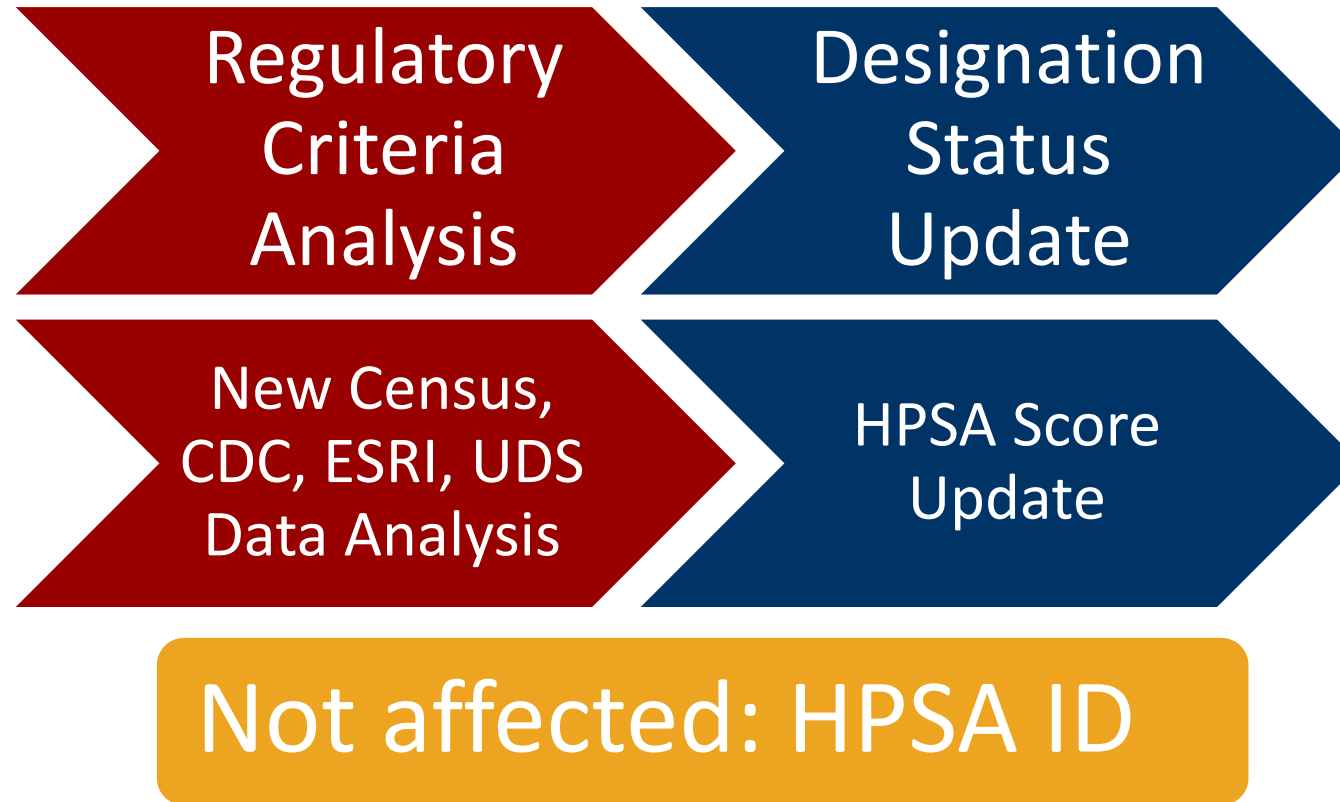
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How might the NSDU affect HPSAs in my area?



What is the role of the Primary Care Office?

HRSA – PCO cooperative agreement

- Community Health Needs Assessment
- Progress Report
- Performance Report

HPSA and MUA/P applications

- New
- Updates
- Withdrawals

Statewide Rational Service Area Plan

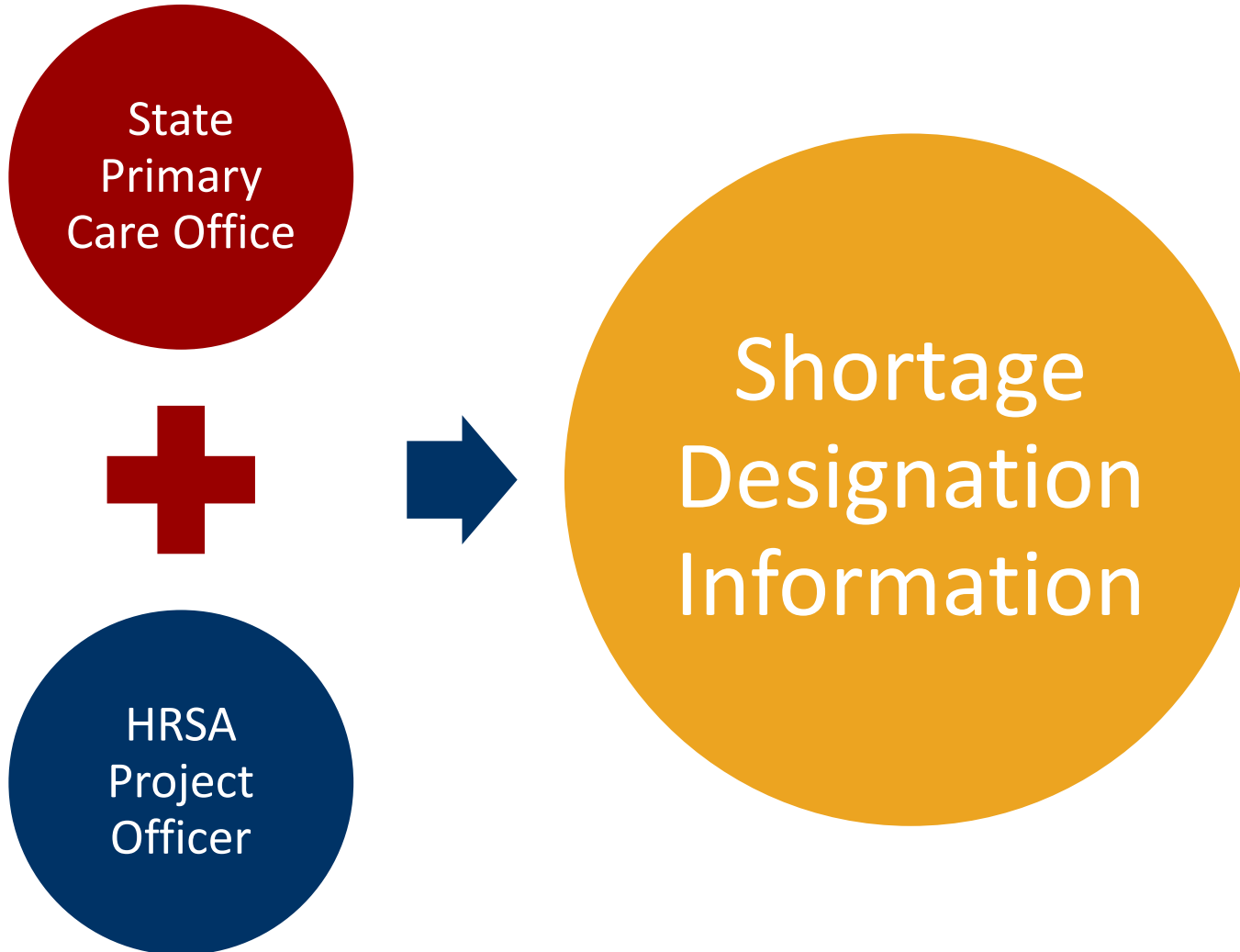


What can communities and stakeholders do?

- Gather information
- Continue to [learn about HPSAs](#)
- Talk to your [State's Primary Care Office](#)
- [Write to HRSA](#)
- Visit the [HRSA Data Warehouse](#)



Who can we contact?



Questions/Answers



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