



Community Health Access: Office of Primary Care and Rural Health



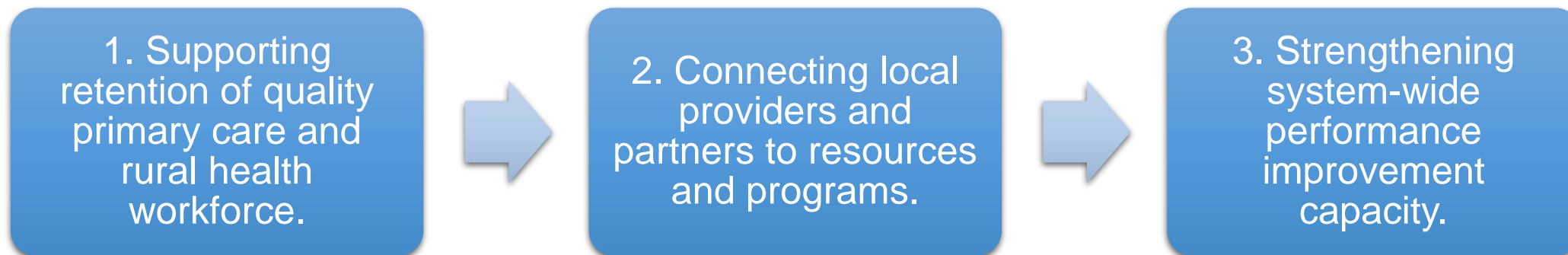
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Our Mission

To aid Kansas' rural and medically underserved communities in building sustainable access to quality, patient-centered primary health care services.



Key Partnerships

- Kansas Hospital Association
- Kansas Hospital Education and Research Foundation
- Community Care Network of Kansas
- Kansas Recruitment and Retention Center
- Fort Hays State University, Docking Institute for Public Affairs
- Other programs and bureaus in the agency
- Local, regional and national partners

Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (FLEX)

The FLEX program focuses on four core areas:

- Support for Quality Improvement in Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs)
- Support for Operational and Financial Improvement in CAHs
- Support for Health System Development and Community Engagement, including integrating EMS into regional and local systems of care
- Designation of CAHs in the State

Small Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP)

Supports small rural hospital activities and investments related to quality improvement and health IT.

Eligible Hospital:

- 49 available beds or less
- Located in a rural area
- Non-Federal, short-term, general acute-care facility

Hospitals receive direct grand funds to use towards:

- Improving data collection activities
- Maintaining accurate billing and coding systems
- Building accountability across the continuum of care
- Improving quality outcomes

Community-Based Primary Care Clinic Program (CBPCC)

Assists clinics in improving access to quality health care with an emphasis on community based services and reducing health disparities for underserved populations.

Grant funds are intended to make primary medical and dental care, prescription drugs, and preventive health care services accessible and affordable to underserved Kansas residents, including uninsured individuals and those enrolled in public insurance programs.

Eligible Clinics:

- Expected to serve as 'safety net' clinics in their communities
- Not-for-profit or publicly-funded clinics
- Provide at least primary medical and/or dental care services

Community-Based Primary Care Clinic Program SFY 2020

Clinic Types

17 FQHCs

2 FQHC 'Look-Alike'

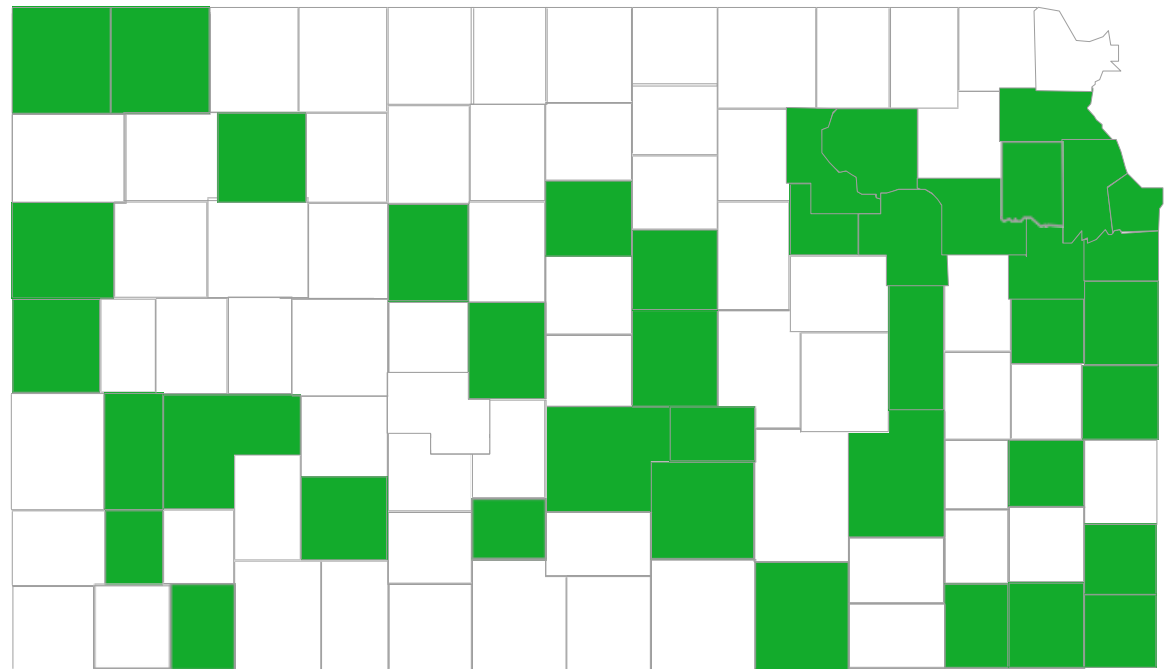
6 Free Clinics

6 Primary clinics

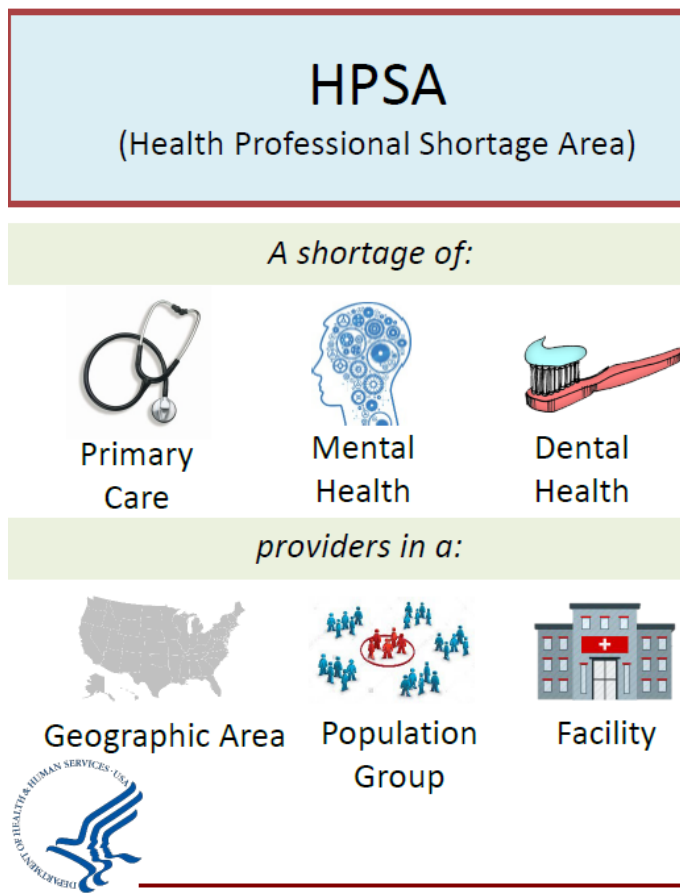
2 Rural Health Clinics

3 Dental Clinics

1 Local Health Department



Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Designations

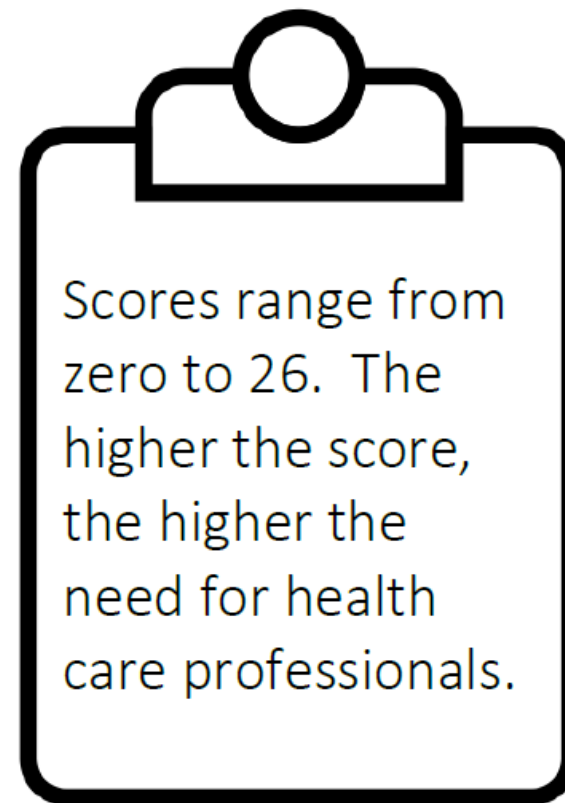


- Identify areas facing a critical shortage of healthcare professionals
- Used to prioritize and direct limited resources to areas with unmet primary, dental, and mental health care needs.
- Our office is responsible for the collection of information from health care professionals used in the population to professional ratios.
- The process of surveying the health care professionals is accomplished through a contract with Fort Hays State University. All other data used in HPSA scoring is obtained through U.S. census data and other national sources.

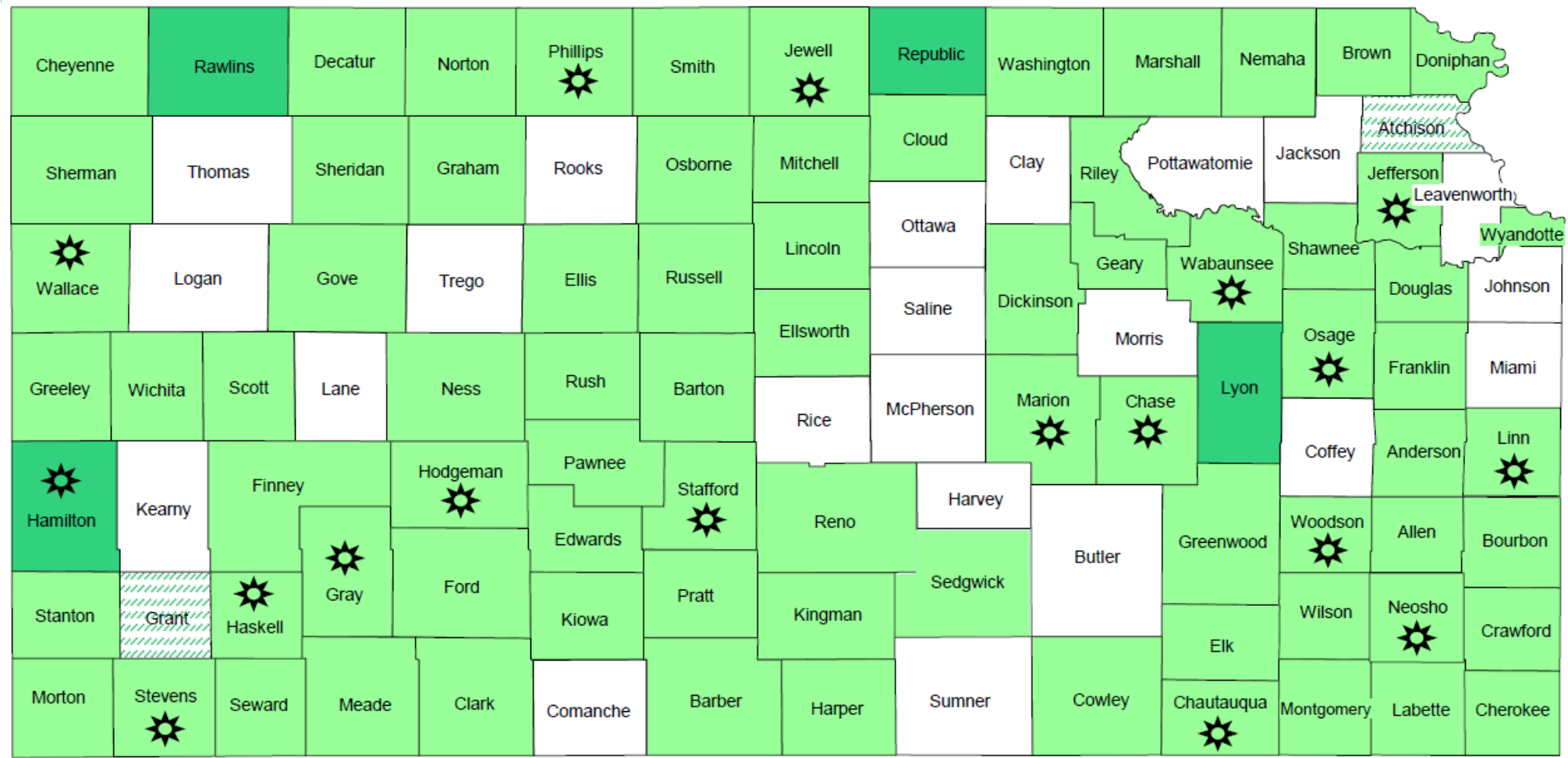
Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Designations

Common programs relying on HPSA designations and their scores include:

- National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment
- NURSE Corps Loan Repayment
- CMS Medicare Incentive Payment
- CMS Rural Health Clinic Program
- J-1 Visa Waiver
- State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)

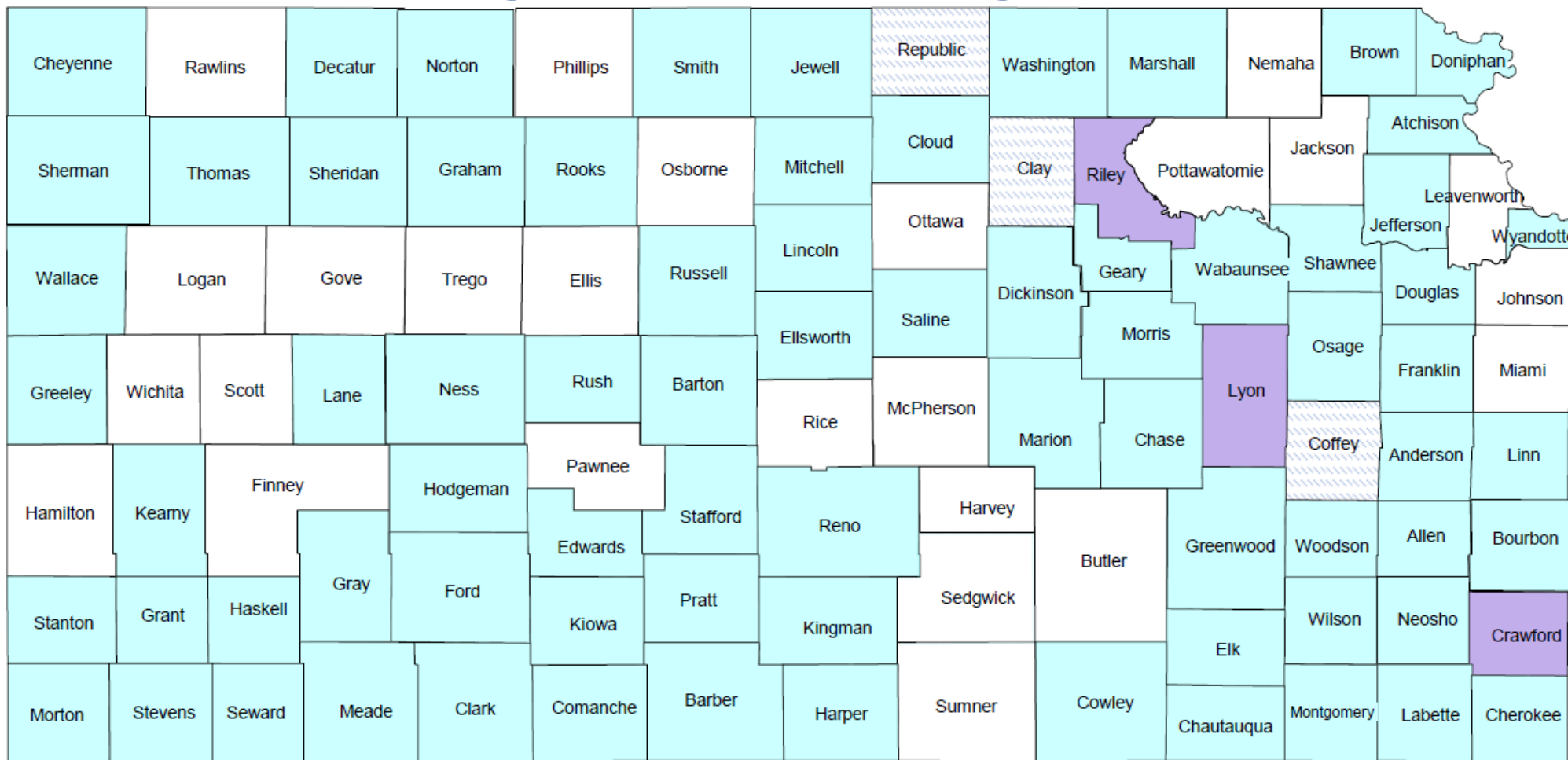


Primary Care HPSA designations as of October 2019



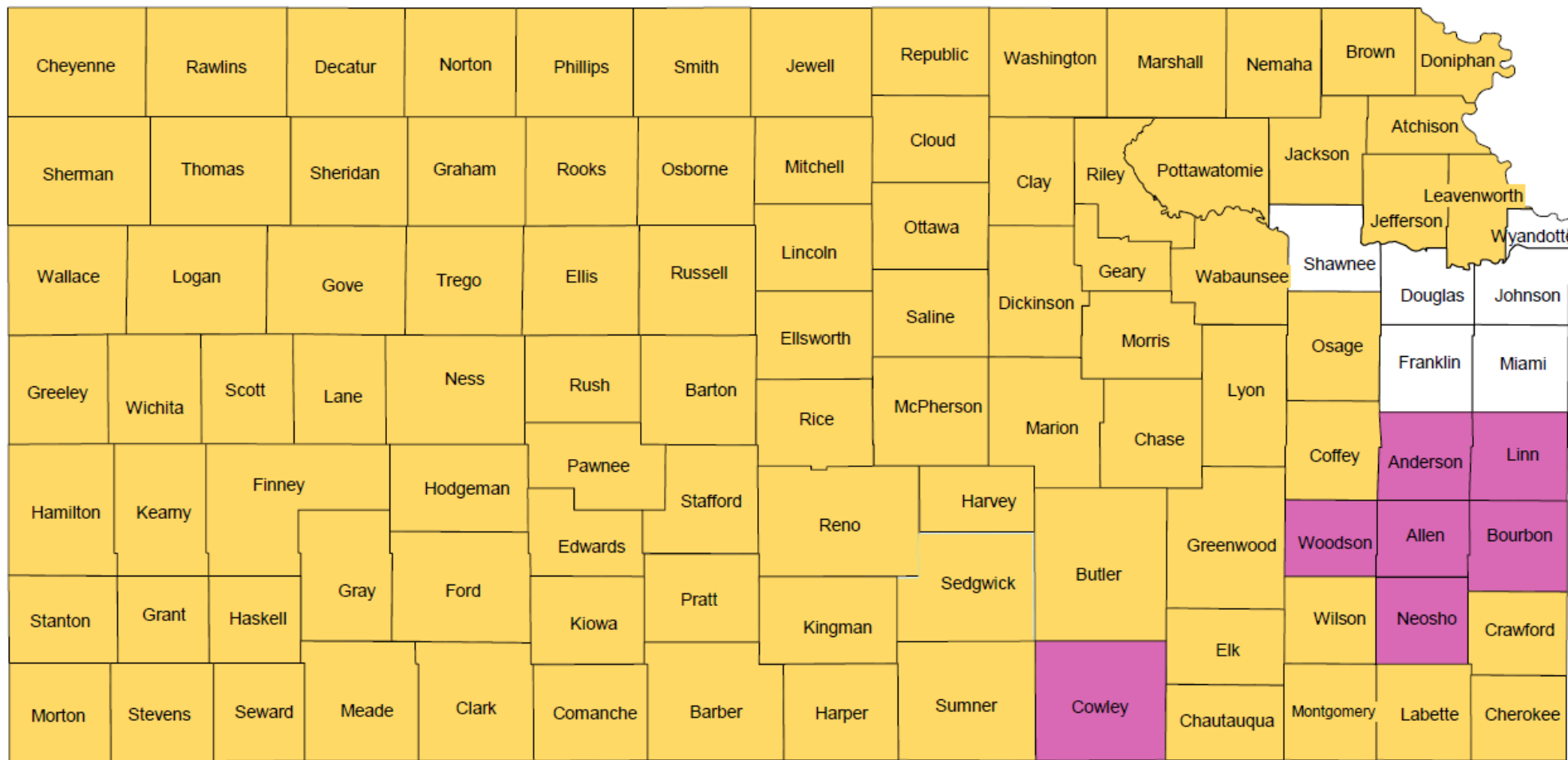
Dark green = score 18 or higher, Light green = score 17 or lower. White = no county-level score, hashed = in review.

Dental Health HPSA designations as of August 2019



Purple = score 18 or higher, blue = score 17 or lower. White = no county-level score, hashed = in review.

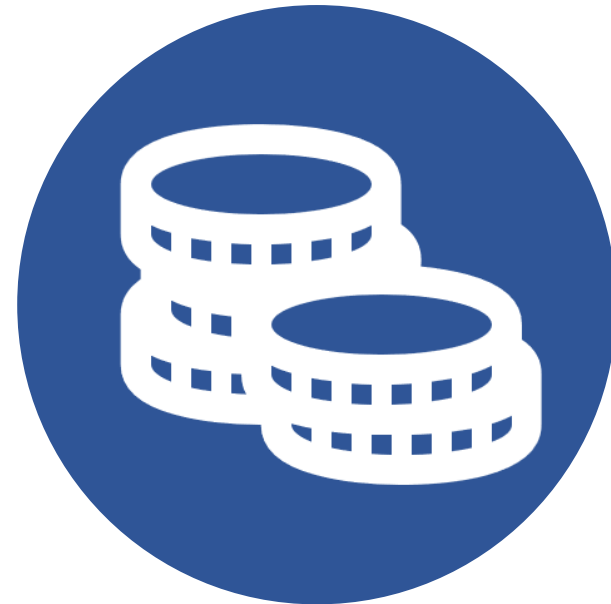
Mental Health HPSA designations as of August 2019



Orange = score 18 or higher, pink = score 17 or lower. White = no county-level score.

State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)

- Offers eligible health care providers an opportunity to receive assistance with the repayment of qualifying educational loans in exchange for a minimum two-year commitment to provide health care services at an eligible practice site in a federally-designated HPSA.
- Application cycle June 1 – July 30
- 2019: eleven 1st year, five 2nd year, and eight continuing awards totaling \$450,000.



J-1 Visa Waiver Program

- Assists non-citizen Physicians who are international medical graduates to obtain an H-1B or L-1 visa by waiving the two-year home country residency requirement in exchange for a commitment to practice medicine in a location designated as a HPSA.
- Kansas can support up to 30 waiver recommendations per Federal Fiscal Year (October 1 through September 30).



Charitable Health Care Provider Program (CHCP)

- While it is not a substitute for malpractice insurance, the program allows enrolled health care professionals to provide care to medically indigent clients to be indemnified for liability purposes under the Kansas Tort Claims Act.



Unused Medication Repository Program

- Administered by the Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas, provides donated medications free of charge to eligible clinics in Kansas.
- Approximately \$1,400,000 in medications are distributed each year serving 23,000 individuals.



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