Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) are federal designations which identify and indicate geographic areas or populations with a deficit in primary care services within medical, dental, and mental health categories.

HPSA designations are used as an eligibility requirement for many programs and resources available to primary care providers, such as the Conrad J-1 Visa Waiver Program, Idaho State Loan Repayment Program, and NHSC Scholarship and Loan Repayment Programs.