



Mental Health Services Act Shortage Designation Deliverables

Mental Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA)

Purpose of Designation

To identify areas of greatest need so limited resources can be prioritized and directed to the people in those areas.

Program Guidelines

The state is divided into Medical Service Study Areas (MSSAs) which are county and sub-county areas that allow OSHPD's Shortage Designation Program to correctly identify the areas with the greatest healthcare needs.

Designation Requirements for Selected Federal Programs

Shortage Designation Option	National Health Service Corps	Federally Qualified Health Center Program	Medicare Incentive Payment	Rural Health Clinic Program	J-1 Visa Waiver
Primary Care HPSA (Area only)	X		X	X	X
Primary Care HPSA (Population Only)	X			X	X
Dental HPSA (Area & Population)	X				
Mental HPSA (Area only)	X		X		X
Mental HPSA (Population only)	X				X
Facility HPSA	X				X
Medically Underserved Area		X		X	X
Medically Underserved Population		X			X
State Governor's Certified Eligible Area (for RHC purposes only)				X (Not in CA)	

Reactive vs. Pro-Active

Reactive Applications

The Shortage Designation Program (SDP) processes most Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) applications in a reactive fashion; SDP waits for submitted applications and then verifies presented data.

Pro-Active Applications

SDP is processing Mental HPSA applications pro-actively. Processing pro-active Mental HPSA designations allows SDP to reach out to the neediest of California's communities in rural, urban, and impoverished areas.

Non-Designated Shortage Areas (Mental Health)

- Created an Excel spreadsheet which identifies Mental HPSAs
- Analyzed areas with the highest 200% poverty level and population to provider ratio
- Identified 209 potential Mental HPSAs

Designated Mental HPSAs

- 119 Geographic HPSAs designated
- 32 Population (Low-Income) HPSAs designated

Change from Reactive to Pro-Active Designations

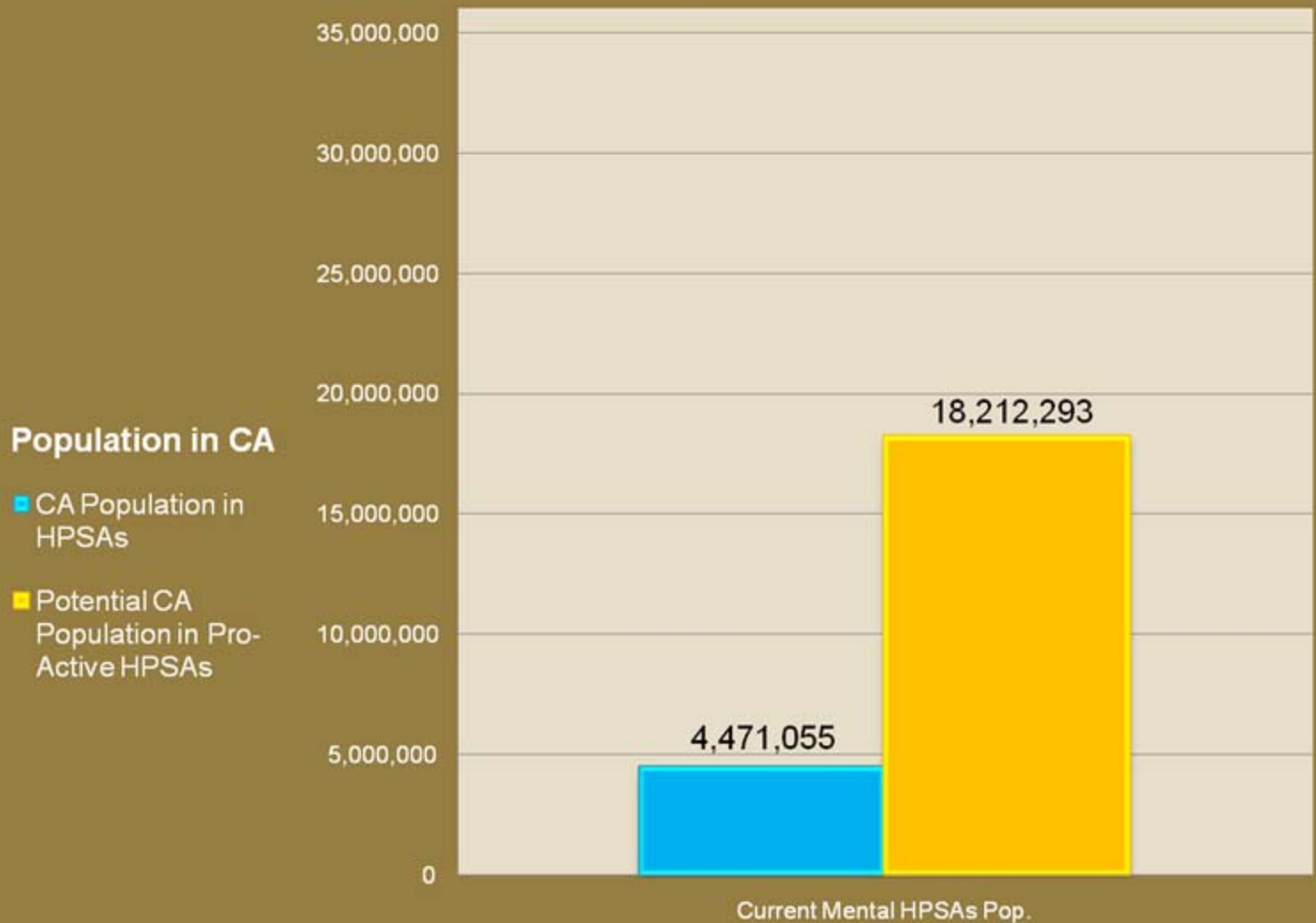


HPSAs in CA

- # of Current HPSAs
- # of Potential HPSAs*

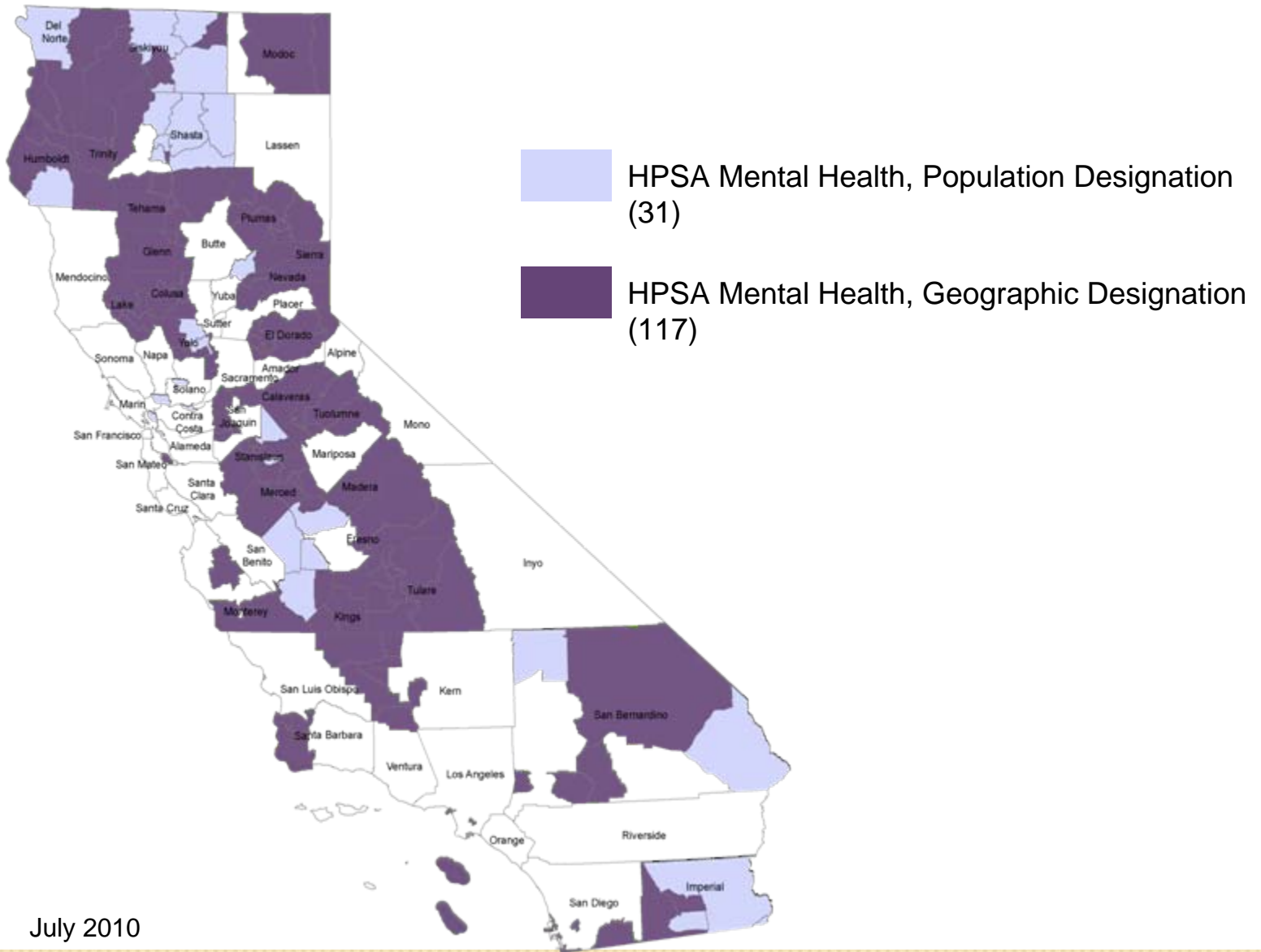
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Change in CA Population Numbers from Reactive to Pro-Active Designations



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Mental Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA)



July 2010

Annual Renewal Process

SDP contacted '06 Mental HPSA applicants and sent letters to provide guidance on the renewal Mental HPSA application process for Mental HPSAs expiring in 2010:

- 15 Reactive applications
- 3 Prison applications
- 2 Facility applications
- 1 State Mental Hospital

Reactive and Pro-Active Applications received in FY 2010-2011:

- 3 Mental Health HPSA applications received since April 1, 2010
- 1 pro-active application submitted for federal review

***Note:** Pro-actively working on potential shortage areas in Fresno, Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

Drawing Down Federal Funding

- OSHPD collaborates with BBS to draw down federal funds
- Reviewed and recommended approval of 128 eligible sites for National Health Service Corps (NHSC) placement of mental health professionals.
- Each provider that participates in the NHSC/Federal Loan Repayment Program (FLRP) can earn up to \$50,000 in loan repayment in return for two years of full-time service.
- If all 128 sites placed only one mental health professional, that would enable those sites to draw down \$3.2 million per year in new federal funds.

State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)

- SLRP assists with the repayment of educational loans for primary healthcare professionals who provide health care services in federally designated Health Professional Shortage Areas.
- Up to \$50,000 available for a two-year service obligation.
- Worked with the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration to resolve license requirement issues for Licensed Clinical Social Workers.
- Currently have \$1 million available for loan repayment for the application cycle ending on October 1, 2010.
- Received a grant award for \$2 million through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which will be available after the budget passes.

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