

OKLAHOMA DENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREAS

PROCEDURE

For the purposes of the Oklahoma Dental Loan Repayment Program, the Oklahoma State Department of Health will designate Oklahoma dental health professional shortage areas, as determined by Medicaid, licensure, and population data for the following factors, for January 1st of each year and those shortage area designations will be effective for 12 months throughout that calendar year. The shortage area designations are based on data from the most recent state fiscal year (July 1 - June 30) for which data are available. Designations must meet the criteria for all three formula factors, as delineated below.

The practice site specified on an application must be in a designated shortage area on January 1 of the calendar year in which, if selected, the initial award would become effective. A participating dentist may continue to practice at a site as long as he/she remains in this Program, even if the county in which the practice site is located loses its shortage designation sometime during that time period.

FORMULA FACTORS

1. The percentage of enrolled Medicaid clients under age 21 who have received dental services, by county. Shortage areas include those counties with less than the federally recommended target for the percentage of Medicaid enrollees who should receive dental services each year.
2. The ratio of enrolled Medicaid clients under age 21, per one Medicaid dental provider, by county. Shortage areas include those counties for which the number of Medicaid enrollees under the age of 21 per Medicaid dental provider multiplied by the federally recommended target is equal to or greater than 30% of the average number of unduplicated patients in a general dentistry practice.
3. The ratio of population under the age of 21 years, per one licensed general practice or pediatric dentist, by county. Shortage areas include those counties for which the number of Oklahoma residents in the general population under age 21 per Oklahoma licensed general practice or pediatric dentist, multiplied by the federally recommended target, is equal to or greater than the number of patients under age 21 in an average dental practice.

COUNTIES THAT HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS OKLAHOMA DENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREAS FOR JANUARY 1, 2011 - DECEMBER 31, 2011

Adair	Jefferson	Ottawa
Atoka	Kay	Pittsburg
Caddo	LeFlore	Pontotoc
Choctaw	Love	Pottawatomie
Coal	McCurtain	Pushmataha
Comanche	Major	Rogers
Cotton	Marshall	Seminole
Creek	Murray	Sequoyah
Garvin	Noble	Texas
Grady	Nowata	Tillman
Hughes	Okfuskee	Washington
Jackson	Osage	Washita