FY20 Site Application Relaunch Content

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POC Portal

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Public Burden Statement:

The purpose of this information collection is to obtain information through the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program (LRP), NHSC Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Workforce LRP, and the NHSC Rural Community LRP applications, which are used to assess an LRP applicant's eligibility and qualifications for the LRP and to obtain information for NHSC site applicants. Clinicians interested in participating in a NHSC LRP must submit an application to the NHSC to participate in one of the NHSC programs, and health care facilities must submit an NHSC Site Application and Site Recertification Application to determine the eligibility of sites to participate in the NHSC as an approved service site. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this information collection is 0915-0127 and it is valid until XX/XX/202X. This information collection is required to obtain or retain a benefit (Section 333 [254f] (a)(1) of the Public Health Service Act). Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.5 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 14N136B, Rockville, Maryland, 20857 or paperwork@hrsa.gov.

New Site Applications

NHSC Applications

Apply for a new NHSC Site

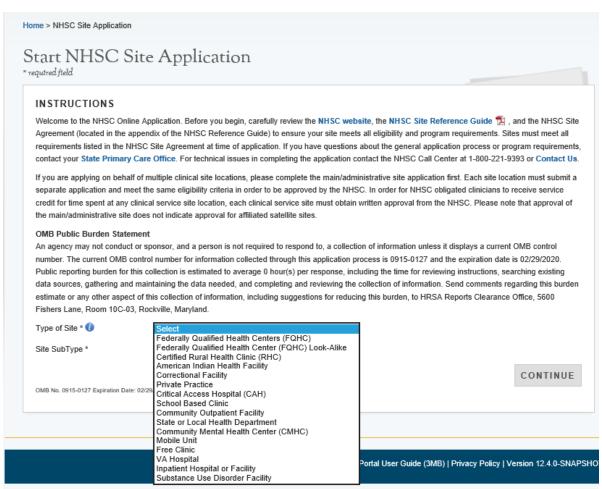
Please submit an NHSC Site Application if your practice site has **never been approved** by the NHSC. If your site was approved in the past, please submit an NHSC Site Recertification during the open recertification cycle by clicking on the site name and choosing the "Recertify" option. Visit the NHSC website for more information about becoming an NHSC approved site. You may call the number below under Contact Us if you are unsure of a previous approval or if you represent an auto-approved site.

The NHSC Site Recertification cycle is now closed. The next cycle for recertifying a site will begin in the fall of 2018. Please visit the NHSC website for information about being an NHSC approved site.

NURSE Corps Applications

Eligible NURSE Corps Sites do not need to submit a site application. If you believe your facility may qualify as a Critical Shortage Facility or an eligible school of nursing, please contact us at the number listed below.

Start NHSC Site Application



Type of Site Tool Tip-

Please see the Site Application Instructions for descriptions of the site types.

This table to is use to show the different site types/ sub site types and their eligibility. This is NOT displayed in the application

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Site Type	Site Sub Type
3 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)	Community Health Center (CHC)
	Migrant Health
	Homeless Program
	Public Housing Program
	School Based Program
2 FOLICI I. Al'I	Mobile Clinic
3 FQHC Look-Alike	N/A
1 Certified Rural Health Clinic (RHC)	Provider-based
	Independent
3 American Indian Health Facility	Federal Indian Health Service
	Tribal/638 Health Facility
	Dual Funded
	Urban Indian Health Program
→ Correctional Facility	3 Federal Prison
	1 State Prison
	1 Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Health
	Service Corps (IHSC)
	2 County/Local Prison
1 Private Practice	Solo Practice
4.0 37. 14	Group Practice
1 Critical Access Hospital (CAH)	N/A
1 School Based Clinic	N/A
1 Community Outpatient Facility	Hospital Affiliated
	Non Hospital Affiliated
1 State or Local Health Department	Locally Run
	State Run
1 Community Mental Health Center (CMHC)	N/A
1 Mobile Unit	N/A
1 Free Clinic	N/A
2 VA Hospital	N/A
2 Inpatient Hospital or Facility	N/A
1 Substance Use Disorder Facility	Certified Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Facility
	Office-based Opioid Treatment (OBOT) Facility
	Non-Opioid Substance use Disorder Facility

Table: Site Type & Sub Site Type Eligibility

Note: See appendix to view all Site Type/ Sub Site Type Drop down menus

Based on the site type and/or sub site type will determine if the site is:

- 1 Eligible
- 2 Not Eligible
- 3 Eligible for automatic approval

Eligible sites will display a section of questions

Not Eligible sites will display a "This site is not Eligible Message"

Eligible for automactic approval will display a "Eligible for automatic approval Message"

Eligible Site Type/Sub Site Type Questions

NHSC SITE ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONS As an official representative of the applying site, please answer each of the following questions. For more information on NHSC member site eligibility requirements, please visit the NHSC Sites website.
As an official representative of the applying site, have you read the NHSC Site Reference Guide nd o you understand the program requirements as listed in the NHSC Site Agreement included at the end of the Reference Guide?
○Yes ○No
Is your site physically located in and does it serve the population of a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) which corresponds to the services provided at the site?
○Yes ○No
Is your site a Primary Care Outpatient Facility, as defined below, or a CMS-certified Critical Access Hospital? 🕡
○ Yes ○ No
Does your site utilize a qualified discounted/sliding fee schedule and has it been in place for at least 6 months? 🕕
○ Yes ○ No
Does your site deny services to an individual based on inability to pay or enrollment in Medicare, Medicaid or your state's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)?
○Yes ○No
Does your site utilize a credentialing process which, at a minimum, includes reference review, licensure verification, and a query of the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB)?
○Yes ○No
Does your site prominently display a statement in common areas (and on site's Web site if applicable) that explicitly states that 1) no one will be denied access to services due to inability to pay and 2) there is a discounted/sliding fee schedule available? Examples of acceptable sign and website language are located in the Downloadable Resources section of the NHSC website under "Site Policy Poster".
○Yes ○No
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Not Eligible sites will display a "This site is not Eligible Message"

Due to the type of facility of your site, this location is not an eligible service site for the National Health Service Corps (NHSC). A listing of eligible site types is available on the NHSC website. If you have additional questions, please contact your State Primary Care Office or the NHSC Call Center at 1-800-221-9393 or Contact Us.

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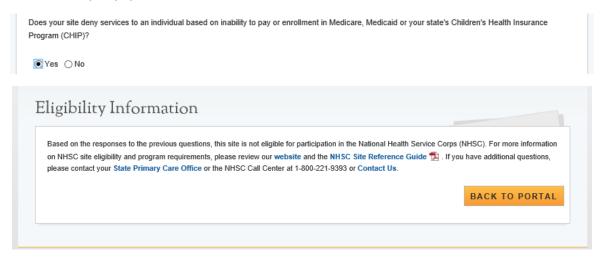
Eligible for automatic approval Message

Please Note: If your site is 1) a Federally Qualified Health Center funded under Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act, 2) a Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike, 3) an Indian Health Service Site funded through IHS, or 4) a Federal Prison, you do not need to submit a site application as your site may receive automatic approval through the National Health Service Corps (NHSC). If you cannot see this site in the "NHSC Approved Sites" section of the portal, please contact us at 1-800-221-9393 or Contact Us.

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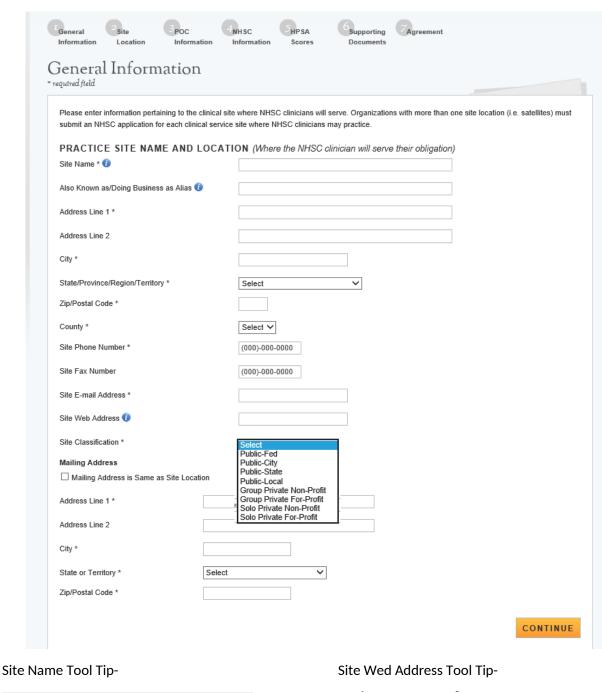
Message displays when answering "Yes" to the question #5 regarding denying services to an individual based on inability to pay



The Tool Tips for the Instructions Page is the same of all applications that display these questions



Section 1. General Information



Provide the full, legal name of the site, no abbreviations.

Also Known as/Doing Business as Alias Tool Tip-

An alternate or colloquial name of the site.

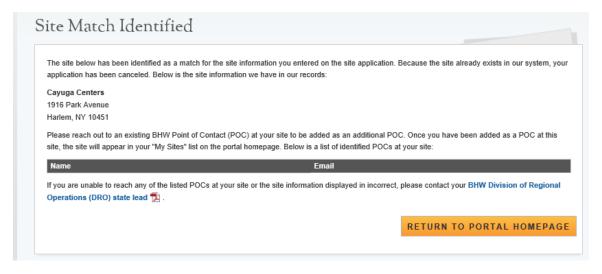
NHSC sites must prominently display a statement on the site's website (if one exists) that explicitly states that (i) no one will be denied access to services due to inability to pay; and (ii) there is a discounted/sliding fee schedule available. When applicable, this statement should be translated into the appropriate language/dialect. For an example of acceptable signage, please reference the "Site Policy Poster" on the downloadable resources page on our website.

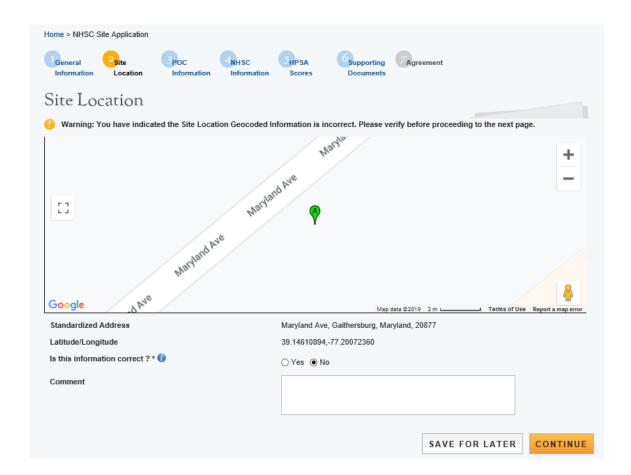
http://www.nhsc.hrsa.gov/currentmembers/membersites/downloadablere sources/index.html

Section 2. Site Location



Screen below appears when selecting "This is My Site"





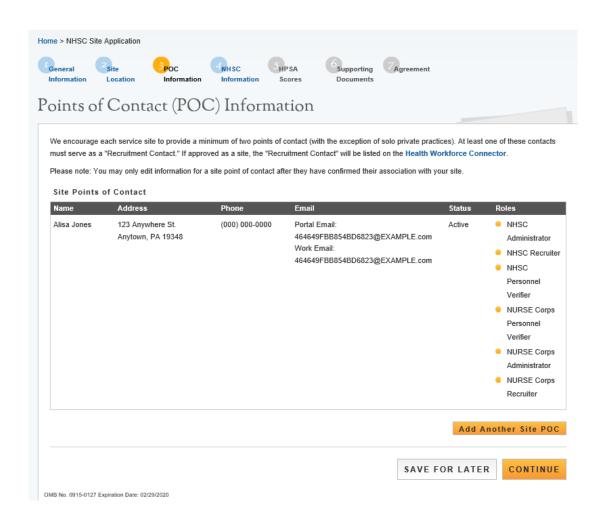
The Comment box for question "Is this information correct" only appears if answered "No".

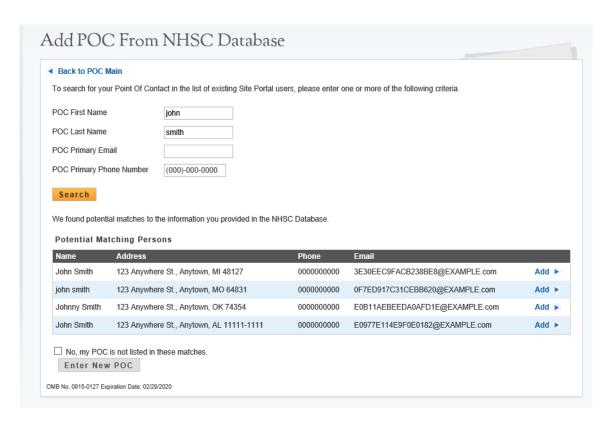
Comment is required



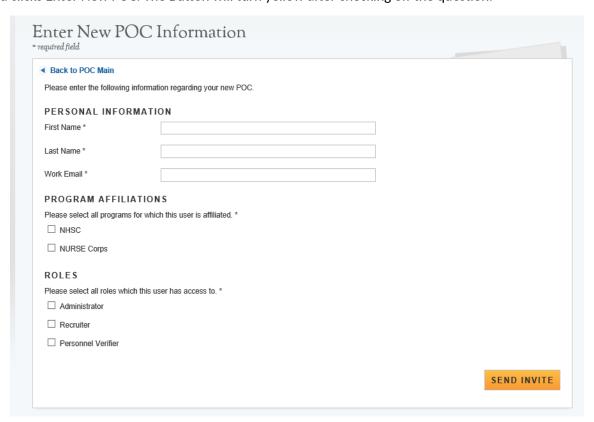
Site Location Tool Tip-

Geocoding results indicate that your location is geographically positioned at the coordinates and position shown. This is just an approximation. If you believe the position shown is accurate for your site, please select yes. If you are unsure or disagree with the coordinates shown, please select no and provide a comment for analyst review.

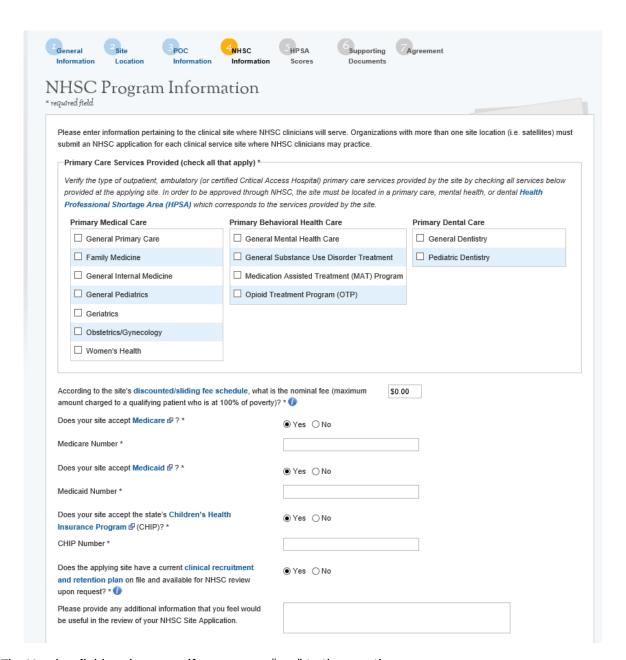




The screen below will appear if the POC checks the "No, my POC is not listed in these matches" question and clicks Enter New POC. The Button will turn yellow after checking off the question.



Section 4. NHSC Information



The Number fields only appear if you answer "yes" to the questions.

Error message will display if the text boxes are empty if applicant trys on continue.

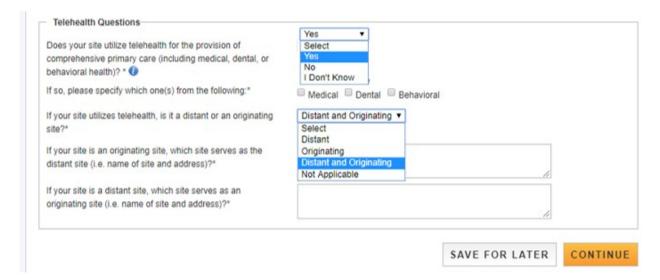


All NHSC sites must use a discounted/sliding fee schedule to ensure that no one who is unable to pay will be denied access to services. This system must provide a FULL discount to individuals and families with annual incomes at or below 100% of the federal poverty guidelines (only nominal fees may be charged). Therefore those with incomes between 100% and 200% of the federal poverty guidelines must be charged in accordance with a sliding discount policy based on family size and income. For more information on federal poverty guidelines, please reference http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/index.

NHSC sites must maintain a clinical recruitment and retention plan, keep a current copy of the plan onsite for review, and adopt recruitment policies to maintain clinical staffing levels needed to appropriately serve the community. The link displayed contains additional information on recruitment and retention of providers.



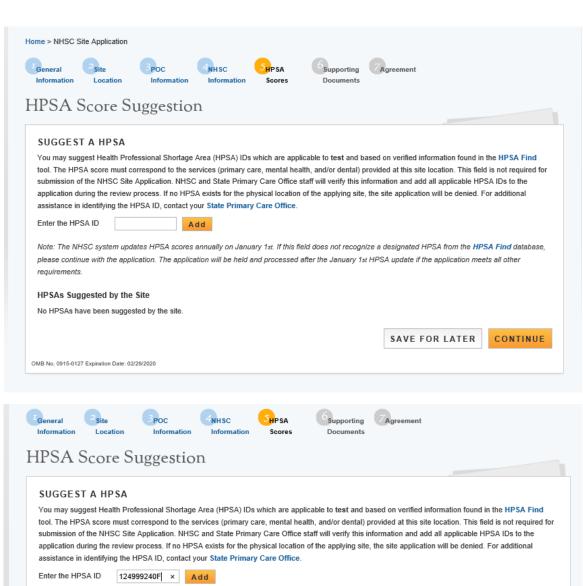
Additional Fields will appear if you answer "Yes" or "I Don't Know" to the first Telehealth Question Additional questions will appear if you answer "Distant and/or Originating" to the third Telehealth Question



Telehealth Question Tool Tip-

Telehealth - The use of electronic information and telecommunications technologies to support and promote long-distance clinical health care, patient and professional health-related education, public health and health administration. Technologies include videoconferencing, the internet, store-and-forward imaging, streaming media, and terrestrial and wireless communications.

Section 5. HPSA Scores



SUGGEST A HPSA You may suggest Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) IDs which are applicable to test and based on verified information found in the HPSA Find tool. The HPSA score must correspond to the services (primary care, mental health, and/or dental) provided at this site location. This field is not required for submission of the NHSC Site Application. NHSC and State Primary Care Office staff will verify this information and add all applicable HPSA IDs to the application during the review process. If no HPSA exists for the physical location of the applying site, the site application will be denied. For additional assistance in identifying the HPSA ID, contact your State Primary Care Office. Enter the HPSA ID 124999240F **Add** Note: The NHSC system updates HPSA scores annually on January 1st. If this field does not recognize a designated HPSA from the HPSA Find database, please continue with the application. The application will be held and processed after the January 1st HPSA update if the application meets all other requirements. HPSAs Suggested by the Site HPSA ID Name Auto-HPSA Score HPSA Discipline Status 124999240F Mobile Medical Care, Inc. Yes 12 Primary Care Designated Delete CONTINUE

Section 6. Support Documents

Home > NHSC Site Recertification















Supporting Documents

Please upload the required documents listed below pertaining to the clinical site where NHSC clinicians will serve. Organizations with more than one site location (i.e. satellites) must submit an NHSC application for each clinical service site where NHSC clinicians may practice. For additional assistance, contact your State Primary Care Office



DOCUMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Policies on Non-Discrimination

Submit a copy of the practice site's policies on non-discrimination of patients based upon race, color, sex, national origin, disability, religion, age, or sexual

REQUIREMENT: NHSC sites do not discriminate in the provision of services to an individual (i) because the individual is unable to pay; (ii) because payment for those services would be made under Medicare, Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP); or (ii) based upon the individual's race, color, sex, national origin, disability, religion, or sexual orientation.

Sliding Fee Schedule Documents

Submit the following documentation of the site's sliding fee schedule (SFS). For examples and more information on the SFS requirement, visit our website and download the SFS Information Package 🔁 . Additional SFS information is included in the NHSC Site Reference Guide. 🔁

- 1. DISCOUNTED/SLIDING FEE SCHEDULE (SFS)
 - Ensure the SFS:
 - Reflects the most recent Federal Poverty Guidelines
 - Offers a full (100%) discount to those at or below 100% of poverty
 - Offers a sliding schedule of discounts up to 200% of poverty
- 2. PATIENT APPLICATION FOR THE SFS.

Note: Discounts shall be based on family size and income

3 SITE'S POLICIES ON THE SES.

These policies shall describe how the SFS is implemented at the site, including how the SFS will be advertised, procedures for patients to apply, and site's policies and procedures on processing applications. Ensure that the site's SFS applies to all residents of the site's HPSA(s).

REQUIREMENT: NHSC sites use a discounted/sliding fee schedule to ensure that no one who is unable to pay will be denied access to services. This system must provide a full discount to individuals and families with annual incomes at or below 100% of the federal poverty guidelines (only nominal fees may be charged). Therefore those with incomes between 100% and 200% of the federal poverty guidelines must be charged in accordance with a sliding discount policy based on family size and income

Required Signage

Submit a photograph or copy of posted signage that meets the requirements of the NHSC Site Agreement. For an example of acceptable signage, please reference the Site Policy Poster on the NHSC website.

REQUIREMENT: NHSC sites prominently display statements in common areas and on site's website (if one exists) that explicitly state that (i) no one will be denied access to services due to inability to pay; and (ii) there is a discounted/sliding fee schedule available. When applicable, this statement should be translated into the appropriate language/dialect

Proof of Access to Ancillary, Inpatient or Specialty Care

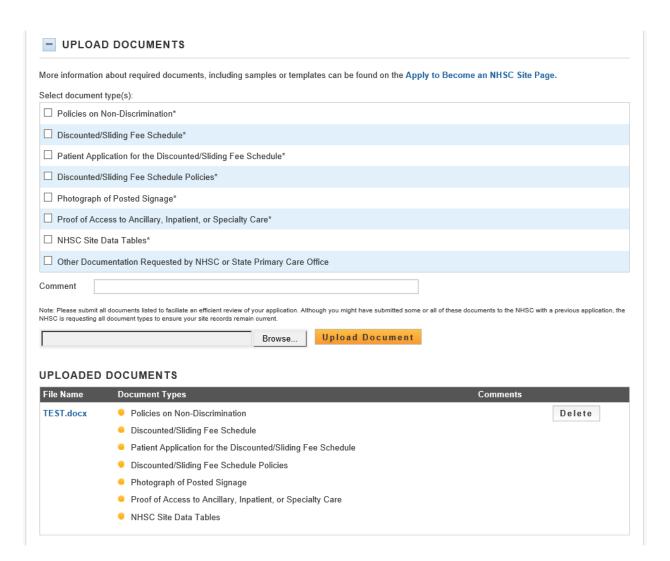
Attach proof of referral arrangements for ancillary, inpatient, and specialty care. Acceptable documents include Memorandums of Understanding (MOU), Memorandums of Agreement (MOA) or contracts with ancillary, specialty, and inpatient facilities.

REQUIREMENT: NHSC sites function as part of a system of care which either offers or assures access to ancillary, inpatient, and specialty referrals.

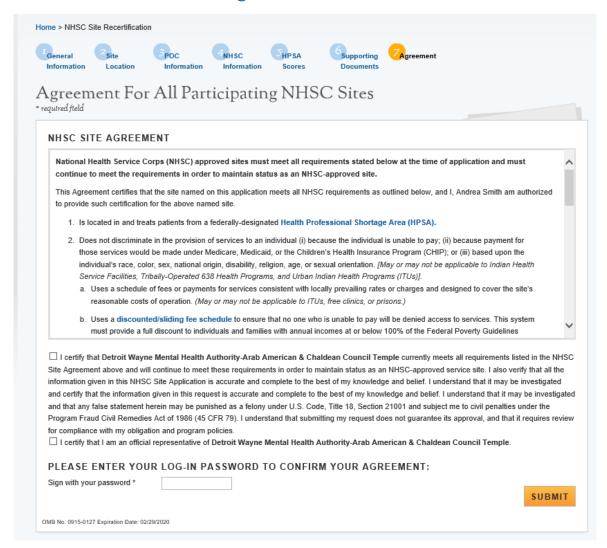
NHSC Site Data Tables

Attach completed NHSC Site Data Tables Nith information on the individual site location. Read all instructions carefully before completing the Tables.

REQUIREMENT: NHSC sites complete and submit the NHSC Site Data Tables upon request, including at time of NHSC Site Application, Recertification, and prior to site visits.



Section 7. NHSC Site Agreement



POC must scroll through the Site Agreement or they will receive an error message

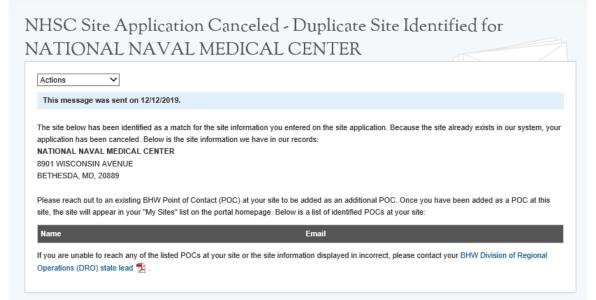


Note: See appendix for NIH Site Agreement

Site Application Messages sent to POCs

Actions This message was sent on 04/22/2019. This is a notification that your National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Site Application has successfully been submitted for review. You will be notified when a decision is made regarding your site's eligibility. If you have any questions or concerns, please call 1-800-221-9393 or contact the NHSC through your Customer Service Portal. If you have questions regarding this message Contact Us or call 1-800-221-9393 (TTY: 1-877-897-9910) Monday-Friday (except Federal holidays), 8:00 am to 8:00 pm ET.

Home > My Messages > NHSC Site Application Canceled - Duplicate Site Identified for NATIONAL NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER



Site Application Approved for ARISE at Solvay High School



This message was sent on 08/02/2019.

We are pleased to advise you that your National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Site Application for the following site has been APPROVED. We welcome you to the NHSC and look forward to a successful partnership.

ARISE at Solvay High School

ARISE at Solvay High School 600 Gertrude Ave Solvay, NY 13209

The NHSC's mission is to build healthy communities by supporting qualified health care providers dedicated to working in underserved areas. Below are several immediate steps sites must take to ensure they are meeting the mission and intent of the NHSC. Additional information is provided in the NHSC Welcome Kit, available on our website.

Ensure all site points of contact have created and activated their Portal Account. The portal is critical for conducting business with the NHSC, posting and updating job openings, viewing program information, updating site information, communicating with the NHSC, and more.

Complete your NHSC site profile – As an NHSC site, your site profile is visible to the public through the Health Workforce Connector. Robust profiles are critical for successful recruitment of NHSC providers

Post job openings on the Health Workforce Connector -- After sites create profiles, they are able to use their portal account to post openings on the Health Workforce Connector, which is regularly reviewed by NHSC providers and applicants.

Display required NHSC signage -- NHSC approved sites are required to display signage as directed in the NHSC Site Agreement. For examples of approved signs, see the Site Policy Posters in the NHSC Welcome Kit.

Ensure that your site remains compliant with NHSC program requirements -- NHSC approved sites must continue to comply with the NHSC Site Agreement, which was signed by your site at the time of approval. The Site Agreement -- and additional helpful information about site roles and responsibilities, monitoring and technical assistance, and provider recruitment- is available in the NHSC Site Reference Guide. Please save a copy of this document for your records.

Thank you for your commitment to improving the health of the Nation's underserved. We wish your site success in meeting the health care needs of your community and look forward to working with you.

If you have questions regarding this message Contact Us or call 1-800-221-9393 (TTY: 1-877-897-9910) Monday-Friday (except Federal holidays), 8:00 am to 8:00 pm ET.

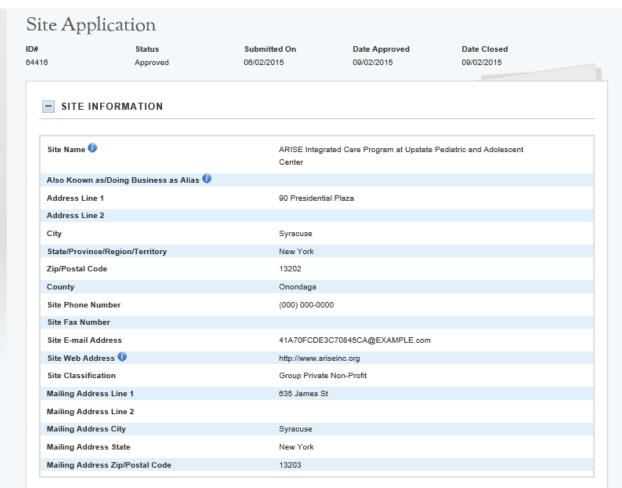
Recertification Application Denied for Wegierek Psychology Center, Inc.

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Actions	
This message was sent on 11/26/2019.	
Thank you for your interest in the National Health Service Corps (NHSC). We regret to inform you NHSC Recertification Application for the following sit been disapproved.	ite has
Wegierek Psychology Center, Inc.	
Wegierek Psychology Center, Inc. 3022 North Harlem Avenue, #1N Chicago, IL 60634	
Based on the review of your application, the applying site does not currently meet all terms of the NHSC Site Agreement. NHSC-approved sites must reseveral requirements, including:	meet
Be located in an appropriate federally-designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) and treat patients that come from or reside in the HPSA.	
Not discriminate in the provision of services to an individual because the individual is unable to pay; because the payment for those services would be under Medicare, Medicaid, or the Children's Health Insurance Program; or based upon the individual's race, color, sex, national origin, disability religion sexual orientation.	
Utilize an appropriate sliding fee schedule to ensure that no one who is unable to pay will be denied access to services.	
Accept assignment for Medicare beneficiaries and have entered into an appropriate agreement with the applicable State agency for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program.	
Prominently display signage/posted notices in common areas and on the site's website (if one exists) stating that no one will be denied access to service based on inability to pay and that discounts are available based on family size and income.	iced
Provide culturally competent, comprehensive primary care (medical, dental, and/or behavioral), as appropriate to the approved HPSA for the site.	
Function as a part of a system of care, having referral arrangements for ancillary, specialty and inpatient care.	
Not reduce the salary of NHSC clinicians because they receive NHSC benefits.	
Utilize a clinician credentialing process that includes reference review, licensure verification and a query of the National Practitioner Data Bank.	
Permit NHSC clinicians to maintain a primary care clinical practice as indicated in their NHSC contract, including the ability to meet the specified work	hours.
For a complete listing of NHSC site requirements and additional information on the requirements listed above, please review the NHSC Site Reference Guide, and the NHSC Site Agreement, located at the end of the Guide. If you site is able to meet all terms of the NHSC Site Agreement, the site is well to apply to the NHSC again at a later date.	
Thank you again for your interest in the NHSC.	
If you have questions regarding this message Contact Us or call 1-800-221-9393 (TTY: 1-877-897-9910) Monday-Friday (except Federal holidays), 8:0	00 am

to 8:00 pm ET.

Site POC Site Application Information

Requests Open Requests STATUS \$ LAST UPDATED + Substance Abuse Clinic Maryland In Progress 12/13/2019 Completed Requests REQUEST ID ♦ REQUEST TYPE \$ SITE NAME \$ STATUS \$ LAST UPDATED + 64416 Application ARISE Integrated Care Program at Upstate Pediatric and Adolescent Center Approved



POINTS OF CONTACT

Name	Address	Phone	Email	Status
Karen Lynch	123 Anywhere St. Anytown, NY 13203	(000) 000-0000	Portal Email: 715AB8733DD5189C51@EXAMPLE.com Work Email: 715AB8733DD5189C51@EXAMPLE.com	Active
Denise Brown	123 Anywhere St. Anytown,	(000) 000-0000	Work Email: C7C1A159C80DD1540D@EXAMPLE.com	No Account
Kristen Miguel	123 Anywhere St. Anytown, NY 13203	(000) 000-0000	Portal Email: 41A70FCDE3C70845CA@EXAMPLE.com Work Email: 41A70FCDE3C70845CA@EXAMPLE.com	Active
Deborah Flynn	123 Anywhere St. Anytown, NY 13203	(000) 000-0000	Portal Email: 3E323AEC963EAB1CC2@EXAMPLE.com Work Email: 3E323AEC963EAB1CC2@EXAMPLE.com	ldle
Laura Jones	123 Anywhere St. Anytown, NY 13203	(000) 000-0000	Portal Email: 3021292346FEE79D13@EXAMPLE.com Work Email: 3021292346FEE79D13@EXAMPLE.com	Active

NHSC PROGRAM INFORMATION

ype of Site	Community Outpatient Facility
Site SubType	Non Hospital Affiliated
Primary Care Services Provided	
Primary Medical Care	None
Primary Behavioral Health Care	General Mental Health Care, General Substance Use Disorder Treatment
Primary Dental Care	None
According to the site's discounted/sliding fee schedule, what is the nominal fee (maximum amount charged to a qualifying patient who is at 100% of poverty)?	\$11.00
Does your site accept Medicare ©?	Yes
Medicare Number *	AA0896
Does your site accept Medicaid ේ?	Yes
Medicaid Number *	01649605
Does your site accept the state's Children's Health Insurance Program & (CHIP)?	Yes
CHIP Number *	01649605
Does the applying site have a current clinical recruitment and retention plan on file and available for NHSC review upon request?	Yes
Please provide any additional information that you feel would be useful in the review of your NHSC Site Application.	

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

File Name	Document Types C	omments
HealtheConnections Agreement.pdf	 Proof of Access to Ancillary, Inpatient, or Specialty Care 	
iberty Resources HIV Service Linkage Agreement.pdf	 Proof of Access to Ancillary, Inpatient, or Specialty Care 	
DMH certificates 2015 07 23.pdf	 Other Documentation Requested by NHSC or State Primary Care Office 	p Certs
sign UPAC.jpg	Photograph of Posted Signage	
JPAC.pdf	NHSC Site Data Tables	
Central New York Services Inc. Agreement.pdf	 Proof of Access to Ancillary, Inpatient, or Specialty Care 	
AIDS Law Project of CNY Referral Linkage Agreement.pdf	 Proof of Access to Ancillary, Inpatient, or Specialty Care 	
ARISE sliding fee discount app form 2015 05 22.docx	 Patient Application for the Discounted/Sliding Fee Schedule 	
Huntington Family Centers Agreement.pdf	 Proof of Access to Ancillary, Inpatient, or Specialty Care 	
NHSC poc roles 2015 07 23 per Tom.pdf		OC roles esginations
ARISE Mental Health Clinic Business Office Policies rev 2015 06 02.docx	 Discounted/Sliding Fee Schedule Policies 	
Copy of Sliding Fee Scale-Self Pay.xlsx	Discounted/Sliding Fee Schedule	
Huntington Family Centers Agreement.pdf	 Proof of Access to Ancillary, Inpatient, or Specialty Care 	
Health Homes Of Upstate NY MOU.pdf	 Proof of Access to Ancillary, Inpatient, or Specialty Care 	
	Policies on Non-Discrimination	

SITE HPSA INFORMATION

Assigned HPSAs

HP SA ID	Name	Auto-HPSA	Score	HPSA Discipline	Status
7361650390	Me - City of Syracuse	No	16	Mental Health	Designated

HPSAs Suggested by the Site

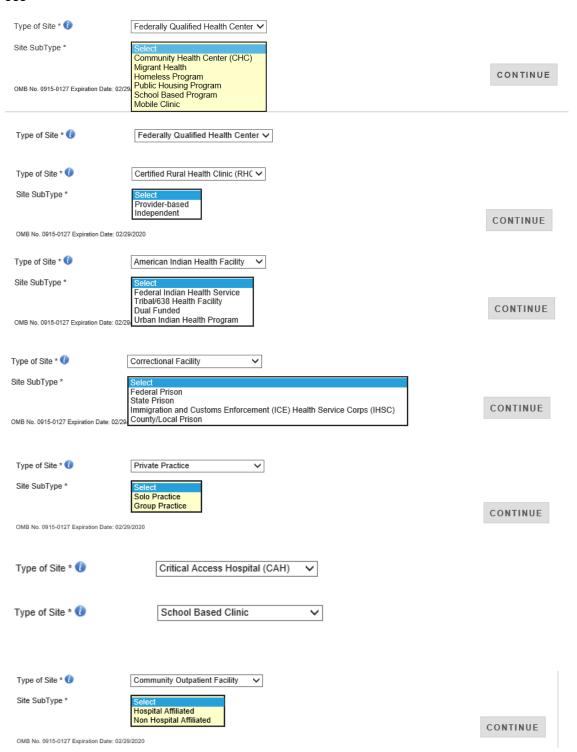
HPSA ID	Name	Auto-HPSA	Score	HPSA Discipline	Status
736999360U	Medicaid Eligible - City of Syracuse	No	17	Mental Health	Withdrawn

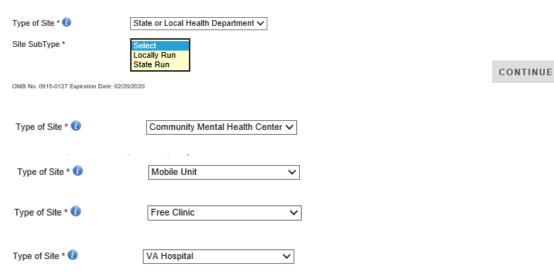
Appendix

- 1. Site Type / Sub Site Type drop down options
- 2. NHSC Site Agreement

1. Site Type/ Sub Site Type drop-down options

See

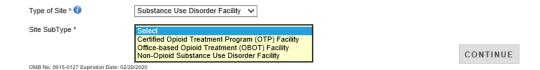




Due to the type of facility of your site, this location is not an eligible service site for the National Health Service Corps (NHSC). A listing of eligible site types is available on the NHSC website. If you have additional questions, please contact your State Primary Care Office or the NHSC Call Center at 1-800-221-9393 or Contact Us.



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2. NHSC Site Agreement

National Health Service Corps (NHSC) approved sites must meet all requirements stated below at the time of application and must continue to meet the requirements in order to maintain status as an NHSC-approved site.

This Agreement certifies that the site named on this application meets all NHSC requirements as outlined below, and I, Karen Lynch am authorized to provide such certification for the above named site.

- 1. Is located in and treats patients from a federally-designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA).
- 2. Does not discriminate in the provision of services to an individual (i) because the individual is unable to pay; (ii) because payment for those services would be made under Medicare, Medicaid, or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP); or (iii) based upon the individual's race, color, sex, national origin, disability, religion, age, or sexual orientation. [May or may not be applicable to Indian Health Service Facilities, Tribally-Operated 638 Health Programs, and Urban Indian Health Programs (ITUs)].
 - Uses a schedule of fees or payments for services consistent with locally prevailing rates or charges and designed to cover the site's reasonable costs of operation. (May or may not be applicable to ITUs, free clinics, or prisons.)
 - 2. Uses a discounted/sliding fee schedule to ensure that no one who is unable to pay will be denied access to services. This system must provide a full discount to individuals and families with annual incomes at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (only nominal fees may be charged). Therefore, those with incomes between 100% and 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline must be charged in accordance with a sliding discount policy based on family size and income. (May or may not be applicable to ITUs, free clinics, or prisons.)
 - 3. Makes every reasonable effort to secure payment in accordance with the schedule of fees or schedule of discounts from the patient and/or any other third party. (May or may not be applicable to ITUs, free clinics, or prisons.)
 - Accepts assignment for Medicare beneficiaries and has entered into an appropriate agreement with the applicable State
 agency for Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries. (May or may not be applicable to ITUs, free clinics, or prisons.)
 - 5. Prominently displays a statement in common areas and on site's website (if one exists) that explicitly states that (i) no one will be denied access to services due to inability to pay; and (ii) there is a discounted/sliding fee schedule available. When applicable, this statement should be translated into the appropriate language/dialect. (May or may not be applicable to ITUs, free clinics, or prisons.)
- %2. Provides culturally competent, comprehensive primary care services (medical, dental, and/or behavioral) which correspond to the designated HPSA type.

- %2. Uses a credentialing process which, at a minimum, includes reference review, licensure verification, and a query of the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) of those clinicians for whom the NPDB maintains data.
- %2. Functions as part of a system of care which either offers or assures access to ancillary, inpatient, and specialty referrals.
- %2. Adheres to sound fiscal management policies and adopts clinician recruitment and retention policies to help the patient population, the site, and the community obtain maximum benefits.
- %2. Maintains a clinician recruitment and retention plan, keeps a current copy of the plan onsite for review, and adopts recruitment policies to maintain clinical staffing levels needed to appropriately serve the community.
- %2. Does not reduce the salary of NHSC clinicians because they receive or have received benefits under the NHSC Loan Repayment or Scholarship programs.
- %2. Requires NHSC clinicians to maintain a primary care clinical practice (full-time or half-time) as indicated in their contract with NHSC and described in part below. The site administrator must review and know the clinician's specific NHSC service requirements. Time spent on call will not count toward a clinician's NHSC work hours. Participants do not receive service credit hours worked over the required hours per week, and excess hours cannot be applied to any other work week. Clinicians must apply for a suspension if their absences per year are greater than those allowed by NHSC. If a suspension is requested and approved, the participant's service obligation end date will be extended accordingly. Please refer to the NHSC Loan Repayment Program Application and Program Guidance for definitions of NHSC service requirements.
- %2. Communicates to the NHSC any change in site or clinician employment status for full-time and half-time, including moving an NHSC clinician to a satellite site for any or all of their hour work week, termination, etc.
- %2. Supports clinicians with funding and arrangements, including clinical coverage, for their time away from the site to attend NHSC-sponsored meetings, webinars, and other continuing education programs.
- %2. Maintains and makes available for review by NHSC representatives all personnel and practice records associated with an NHSC clinician including documentation which contains such information that the Department may need to determine if the individual and/or site has complied with NHSC requirements.
- %2. Completes and submits NHSC Site Data Tables to NHSC at time of site application, recertification, and NHSC site visits.
- %2. Complies with requests for a site visit from NHSC or the State Primary Care Office with adherence to all NHSC requirements.