



# Well-Ahead Louisiana Provider Education Network

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Louisiana's Health Initiative



# State Loan Repayment Program

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# Speakers

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# Objectives

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- Discover the Background and Purpose of the Louisiana State Loan Repayment Program
- Learn about the Eligibility Requirements and Compensation
- Understand the Application and Scoring process

# BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE



# Background/Purpose

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- Grant administered by Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
  - Louisiana is awarded \$359,550
  - 1:1 by Louisiana with non-federal funds
- Well-Ahead Louisiana's Primary Care Office (LPCO) is responsible for administering the Louisiana State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)
- Purpose: to increase the availability of primary health care in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) by assisting in the repayment of educational loans

# ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS



# Eligible Healthcare Professionals

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- Physicians
  - Family or General Practice
  - Internal Medicine
  - Obstetrics/Gynecology and
  - Pediatrics
- General Psychiatry
- General and Pediatric Dentistry
- Nurse Practitioner
- Certified Nurse-Midwife
- Physician Assistant
- Registered Dental Hygienist
- Health Service Psychologist
  - Clinical and Counseling
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker
- Psychiatric Nurse Specialist
- Licensed Professional Counselor
- Marriage and Family Therapist
- Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselors
  - Licensed/Credentialed/Certified by their state of practice that meet educational requirements and master's degree requirement for addressing opioid abuse





# Eligibility Requirements

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- Work in a federally designed HPSA
- Work for a public or non-profit private entity
- Work 40 hours per week
  - 32 in an outpatient setting
- Accept assignment of Medicare and Medicaid
- Have a sliding fee scale for low-income, uninsured patients
- Be a United States citizen or national
- Be licensed to practice in Louisiana
- Have no other obligation for health professional services
- Have not defaulted on educational loans without addressing the default
- Have not breached a health professional service contract

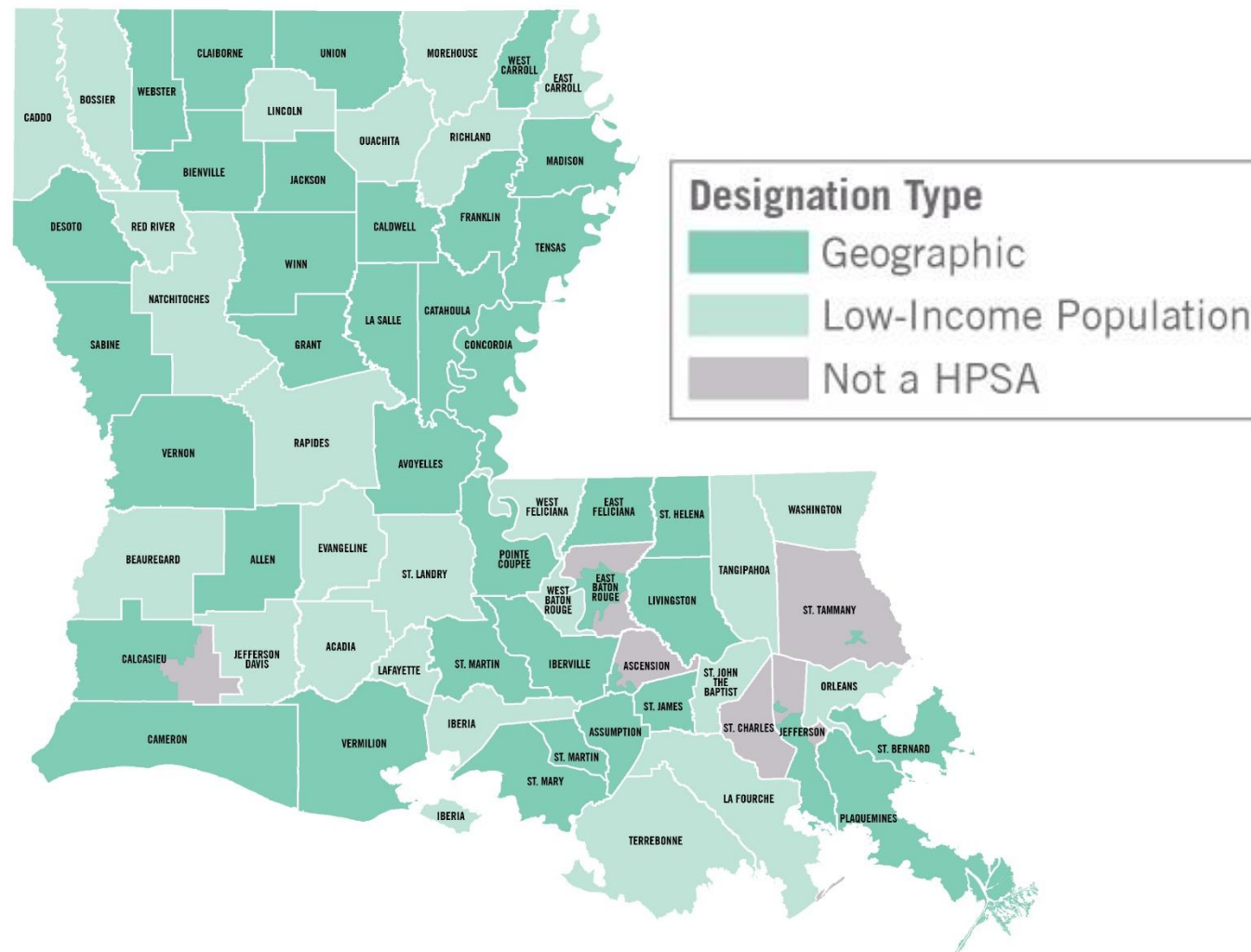


# Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA)

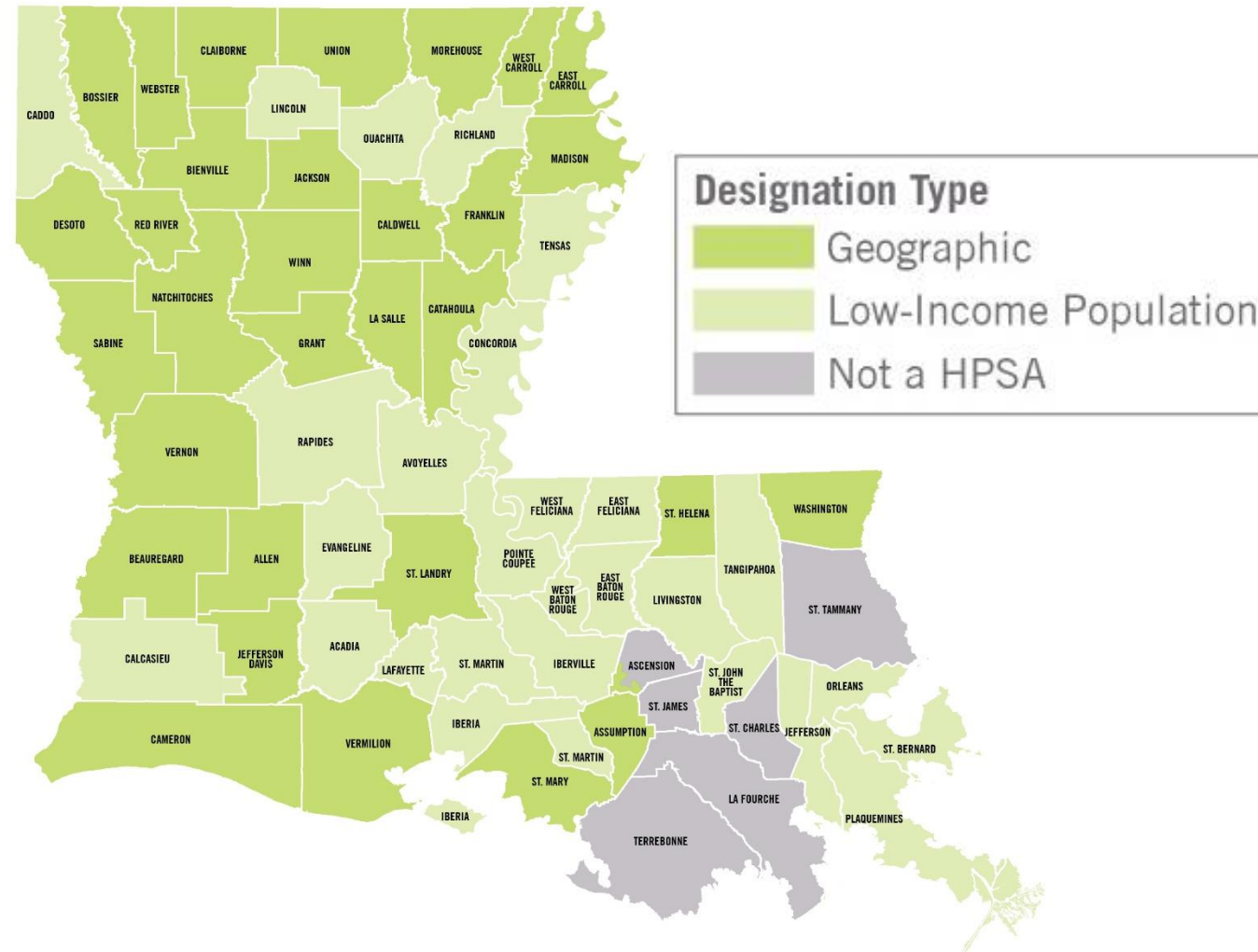
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- Designation given to an area that is considered underserved by health providers compared to the population
- Preliminary approval as a HPSA determined by the Primary Care Office and submitted to the Federal Office of Shortage Designation for final approval
- Multiple programs use HPSA designations as a requirement (grants, loan repayment, Conrad 30/J-1 Visa waiver, etc.)

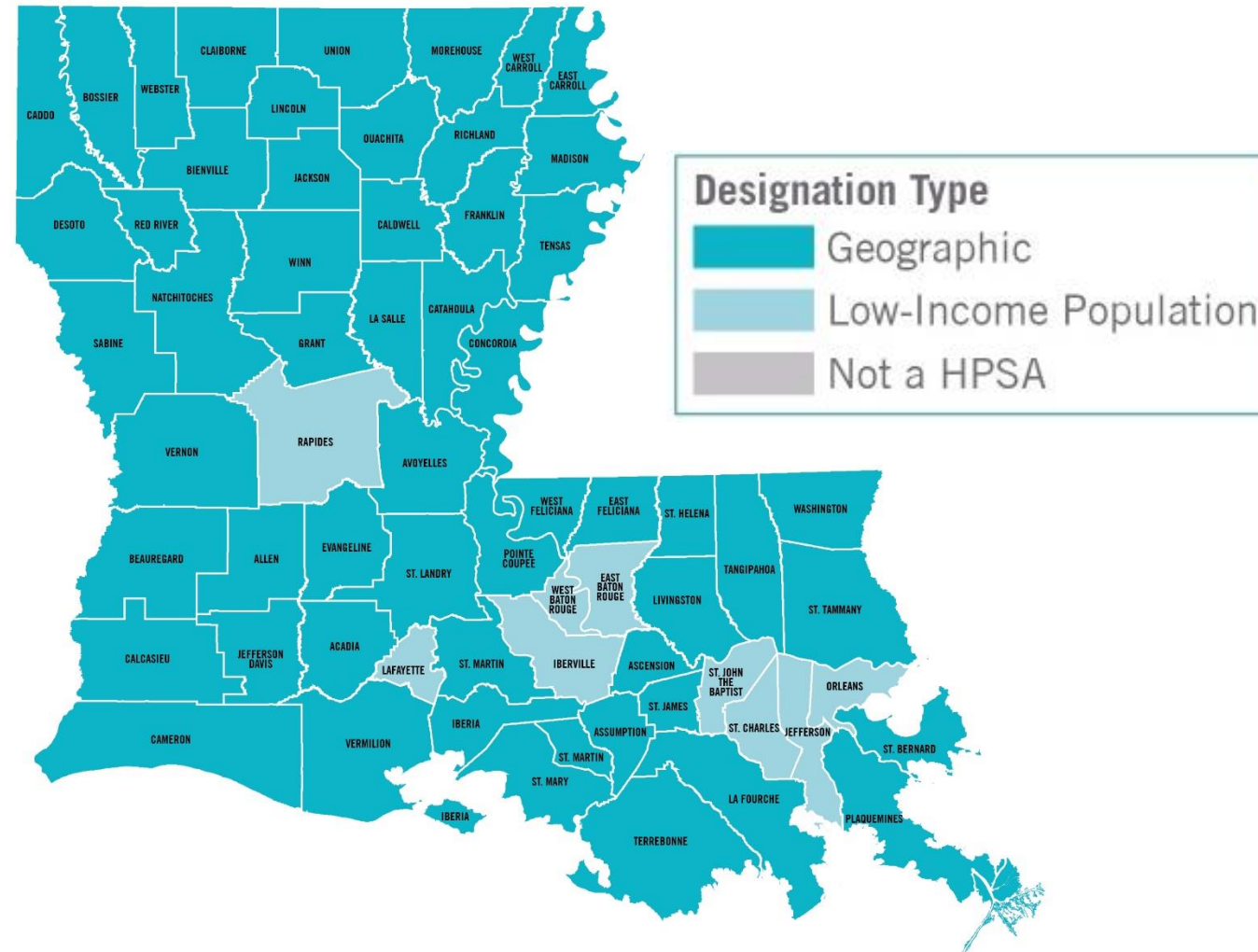
# Primary Care HPSAs



# Dental Care HPSAs



# Mental Health HPSAs





# Compensation

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- Physicians and dentists: \$30,000 annually for a 3-year commitment
- Other Professionals: up to \$15,000 annually for a 3-year commitment
- Option to extend
- Loan Repayments are NOT TAXABLE

# State Loan Repayment Program Recipients for 2020

Healthcare Provider Type	Total
Primary Care Physicians	8
Nurse Practitioners	12
Dentists	6
Dental Hygienists	1
Psychiatrists	3
Psychologists	2
Licensed Clinical Social Workers	11
Licensed Professional Counselors	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>

# APPLICATION AND SCORING PROCESS



# Application Process

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- Guidance document and forms:
  - <https://wellaheadla.com/healthcare-access/louisiana-primary-care-office/state-loan-repayment-program/>
- Application: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021SLRP](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021SLRP)



# Application Checklist

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- Copy of executed employment contract for length of years requesting SLRP participation
  - OR a letter verifying employment, if an employment contract is not available
- Résumé
- Copy of current professional license
- Documentation of the current principle balance of the applicant's certified educational debt
  - Should include name and account number for each loan
- Signed
  - SLRP Site Information Form for all sites the applicant provides services
  - SLRP Site Agreement for All Participating SLRP Sites Form completed by employer
  - And notarized SLRP Attestation of No Other Obligation Form
  - SLRP Certification Regarding Environmental Tobacco Smoke Form
  - SLRP Release from Liability Form
  - SLRP Consent for Release of Information Waiver of Confidentiality Form

# Application Checklist

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- **Documentation of employer's**
  - Sliding fee scale/discount fee policy
  - Sliding fee scale/discount fee schedule (actual scale)
- **Photo of employer's**
  - Sliding fee scale/discount fee policy posted in the checkout/lobby
  - Sign posted in the checkout/lobby that states, "We accept all patients regardless of ability to pay."
- **Copy of current Louisiana Medicaid Provider ID Number or a copy of application for this number**
- **Completed IRS Form W-9-Request for Taxpayer ID Number that matches applicant address**
  - This should include YOUR information, not your employer.
- **Completed Electronic Funds Transfer Form with voided blank check or direct deposit form from financial institution**
  - The bottom of this form should be completed by your financial institution. Please make sure the box on the middle left of the page is checked.
- **Proof of site's non-profit and/or public status**



# Scoring Process

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- Priority is given to applicants who work in facilities with the **highest percentage of underserved patients**, including those who have a Medicaid managed health plans and Medicare, those who are uninsured and indigent or underinsured and unable to find treatment
- Priority is given to individuals who agree to serve in HPSAs with the **highest degree of shortage, rural**, and whose service will have the **greatest impact on underserved populations** in these high-needs parishes (see maps of Louisiana HPSAs)

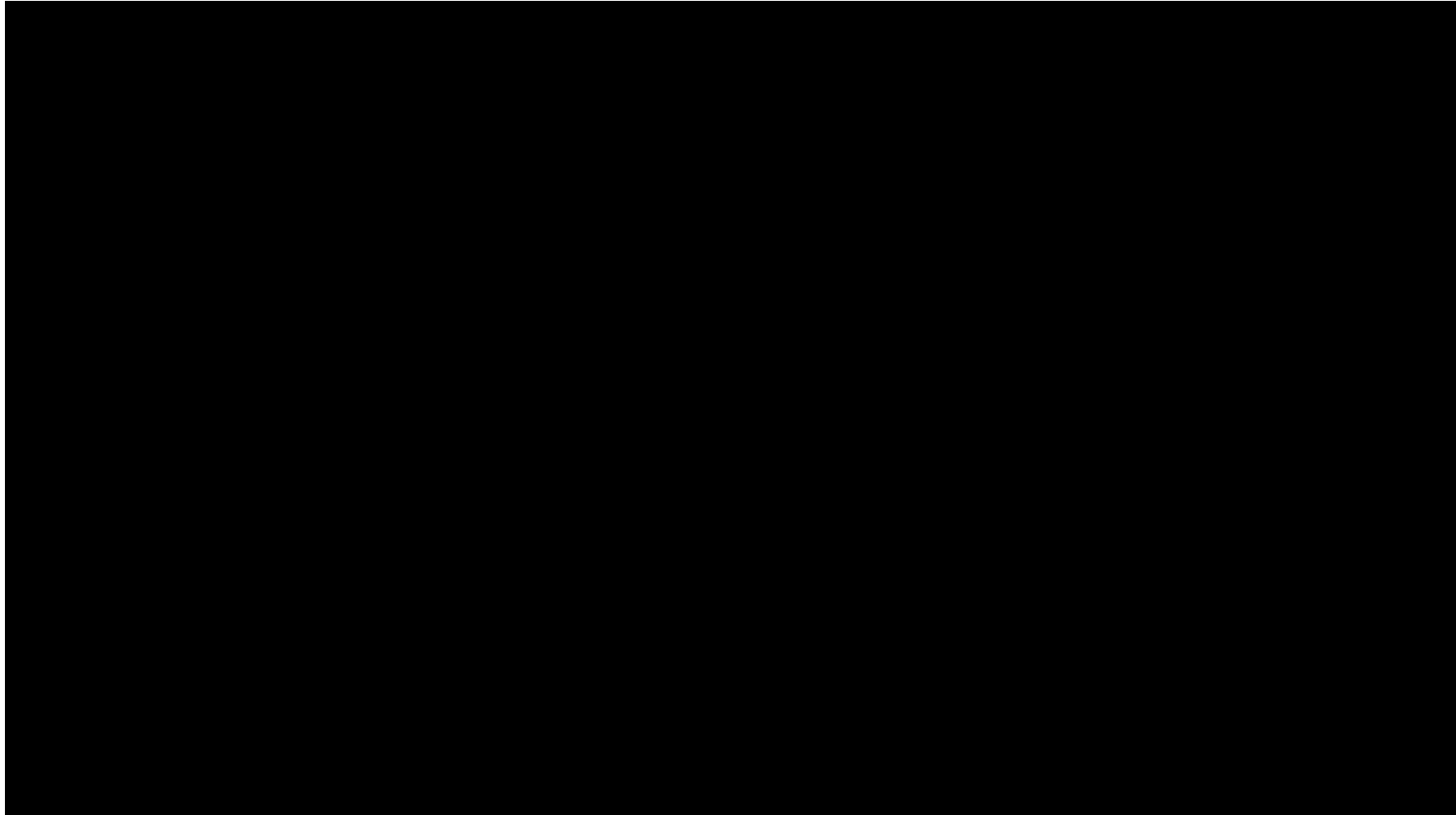


# Scoring Process

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- Priority is given to applicants who agree to treat **targeted populations who are designated as underserved** in their service area, e.g. migrant farm workers, homeless, etc.
- Priority is given to individuals who agree to accept referrals and provide health care services to a significant portion, of **at least 25% HIV/AIDS patient-base**
- Priority is given to providers working in a facility **Opioid Treatment Program (OTP)**

# SLRP Recipient



# Apply!

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**QUESTIONS?**





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