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NHSC Today

- More than 30,000 clinicians have served as NHSC Members:
 - › Expanding access to health care;
 - › Improving the health of people who live in urban and rural areas, where health care is often scarce
- NHSC consists of more than 8,025 clinicians currently working in underserved communities
 - › Loan Repayment (NHSC LRP)
 - › Scholarships (NHSC SP)
 - › State Loan Repayment (SLRP)
 - › October 1, 2010 - Transferred to Bureau of Clinician Recruitment Service

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2011 Loan Repayment Program

- Loan repayment for qualifying educational loans
- Primary Care Disciplines
- Clinicians complete their service obligation at NHSC-approved sites
- Full-time or Part-time (2 & 4 year contract)
- Increased Award Amounts
 - \$60,000 2-year contract
 - \$40,000 1-year continuation
- Includes 20% and 50% Teaching Option
-  Web-based Application & Customer Service Portal
- Loan Repayment is Tax Free

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NHSC Loan Repayment - Eligible Disciplines

- Primary Care Physicians MD/DO (Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Geriatrics Pediatrics, Psychiatrist & OB/GYN)
- Primary Care Nurse Practitioners
- Primary Care Physician Assistants
- Certified Nurse Midwives
- Psychiatric Nurse Specialists
- Dentist
- Dental Hygienist
- Health Service Psychologists
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Licensed Professional Counselors
- Marriage and Family Therapists

NHSC Scholarship Program

- Opens – March/April 2011
- Competitive Program for eligible disciplines
 - › Primary Care Physicians (MD/DO) --- Family Medicine, General Pediatrics, General Internal Medicine, OB/GYN, Psychiatry, and Geriatrics
 - › Dentists
 - › Certified Nurse Midwives
 - › Primary Care Nurse Practitioners -- Adult, Family, Geriatrics, Pediatrics, Psychiatric & Women's Health
 - › Primary Care Physician Assistants
- Pays tuitions, fees and other education expenses
- Service Obligation between 2 and 4 years
- Taxable Monthly Living Stipend - \$1,269 (FY 2010)
- Students must be enrolled in an accredited health professional program

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State Loan Repayment Program

- Transferred to BCRC – October 1, 2010
 - › Emphasis on Partnering with Primary Care Offices (PCOs)
- Compliments NHSC LRP
- Matching Requirement
 - › Dollar for dollar match
 - › Alternative funding options
- Barriers for State Participation

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Affordable Care Act of 2010

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Affordable Care Act Builds On ARRA

- Significant Program Expansion
 - \$300 million in expansion funds for the NHSC from the Recovery Act
 - 4,100 Loan Repayment Awards
 - 255 Scholarships
 - 28 SEARCH Awards
 - 7,530 Primary Care Providers in 2010 vs. 3,601 in 2008

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Affordable Care Act & NHSC

- 3,000+ new LRP awards and over 200 scholarships expected in FY 2011.
- Authorizes and appropriates \$1.5 billion for the NHSC through 2015.
 - FY2011: \$290 million
 - FY2012: \$295 million
 - FY2013: \$300 million
 - FY2014: \$305 million
 - FY2015: \$310 million
- New streamlined version of the NHSC Loan Repayment Bulletin published November 2011.
- NHSC Scholarship Bulletin to be published by April 2011

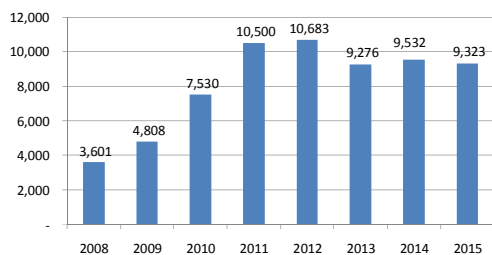
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Affordable Care Act (cont.)

- Reauthorizes the National Health Service Corps through 2015.
 - Increasing the maximum annual loan repayment award from \$35,000 to up to \$50,000.
 - Establishes permanent half-time service opportunities for NHSC scholars and loan repayers with the creation of 2- and 4-year contracts for the Loan Repayment Program.
 - NHSC participants may now receive up to 20 percent service credit for teaching (and up to 50 percent in future Teaching Health Centers).
- Modifies the Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program to include nurse faculty.

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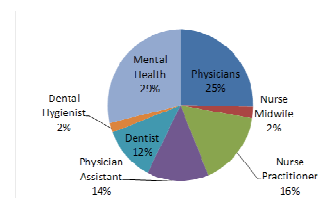
NHSC Field Strength Projections*



*NHSC Field Strength Projections based on the 2012 Budget Guidance

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NHSC Field Strength Discipline Distribution



AS OF FEBRUARY 2011

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NHSC LRP and Scholar Award Activity

Program	2009 Awards	2010 Awards	2011 Projections
NHSC LRP	1654	1816	1991
ARRA NHSC LRP	829	2214	1057
Affordable Care Act - NHSC LRP	0	0	2821
NHSC Part-time LRP	0	220	?
NHSC SP	88	25	0
ARRA NHSC SP	70	185	0
Affordable Care Act - NHSC SP	0	0	230
Totals	2641	4460	6099

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Modernization of the Corps



- Site Partnership Initiative
- NHSC Communication & Marketing Strategy
- Customer Service/Call Center Improvements
- Clinician Retention Strategy
- BCRS Management Information System (BMISS)

Dentists and Dental Hygienists Field Strength FY 2008 thru 3/14/2011

	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY2010	AS OF 3/14/2011
DENTISTS (LRP)	307	424	703	922
DENTISTS (SP)	64	74	75	80
DENTAL HYGIENISTS (LRP)	29	53	140	199
TOTAL	400	551	918	1201

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NHSC Initiatives

- Collegiate Health Service Corps Pilot
 - › National AHEC Organization (LA, TN, NY, UT, FL)
- NHSC Virtual Community/Resource Center
 - › National Center for Primary Care – March Launch
- Long-Term Retention Study
 - › NHSC Partner & Participant Survey Results
- NHSC Scholarship Program Evaluation
 - › Reviewing Federal, State, Foundation, etc. Programs – Looking for Best Practices

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Questions



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