2025 ARIZONA CENTER FOR RURAL HEALTH WEBINAR SERIES

A webinar series focused on providing technical assistance to rural stakeholders to disseminate research findings, policy updates, best-practices and other rural *health issues to statewide rural partners and stakeholders throughout the state.*

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Arizona Primary Care Office: Improving Access to Care through Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) & Workforce Programs

Learning objectives:

After participating in the webinar, participants will better understand:

- ► How the Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) designation process operates through local, state and federal partnership.
- The plan for upcoming designation updates and ways to stay informed on the outcomes of those Arizona's HPSA updates.
- ► How health workforce programs increase access to care in Arizona's HPSAs.



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