Rural Health Clinics (RHC)

Section 1861(aa)(2) of the Social Security Act states that a rural health clinic must be located in an area that is not urbanized and that has been designated as a shortage area. Rural Health Clinics must employ mid-level practitioners such as nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, and physician assistants. It provides many of the same services that are required of a community health center. In addition, a Rural Health Clinic is eligible to receive enhanced Medicaid (except under a waivered program like QUEST) and Medicare payments for services. Rural Health Clinics in Hawaii may be found here.