

## **Alaska SHARP Program FAQs for SHARP-II**

### **SHARP-II AND NURSING**

- 1. Q. Are nurses who work for the State of Alaska (Public Health Nursing, Department of Corrections, etc.) eligible for the SHARP-II Program?**

A: Yes, registered nurses are a qualifying clinician group under Tier II. There are, however, other qualifying factors in eligibility such as whether the work site is in a designated Health Care Services Shortage Area.

- 2. Q. Is the SHARP II program open to RNs with a bachelor's degree or must they hold a master's degree go be eligible?**

A: RN-Nurses are eligible to apply for SHARP-II. Occupational licensure for RN-Nurses can be obtained in Alaska with either a BSN or AAS in nursing. Nurse practitioner is also a separately eligible occupation category.

- 3. Q: As a nurse case manager in primary care I help to coordinate appointments, diagnostic testing, medication refills, disability issues, home care supplies, and provide patient education. I do not take vital signs or do procedures. The majority of what I do is on the phone; however I do meet with all STD patients, and on occasion will provide education to patients in the office or any immediate issues in the clinic. My communication with patients is constant. Can you advise me as to whether this would be an acceptable position and who to contact?**

A: It is plausible that your position is potentially eligible. The reasons in part relate to the primary care element of what you do. It is the direct facilitation as a licensed professional of the inter-disciplinary treatment-team process.