

Alaska SHARP Program FAQs for SHARP-II

SHARP-II IN MAJOR POPULATION AREAS

1. Q. Are qualifying clinicians under SHARP-II who live in Anchorage or the other major Alaska cities eligible for SHARP-II loan repayment and direct incentive?

A: The answer to that question may depend on the practitioner's specialty and whether the work site is designated as a Health Care Services Shortage Area (HCSSA) for that specialty. However, in many cases Anchorage and other cities would not be considered HCSSAs because they are populated areas that do not have a shortage in health services. Specifically, clinicians who work for one of Anchorage's major hospitals – Alaska Regional Hospital, Providence Alaska Medical Center – may not qualify because of the high provider to population ratio in this area.