

Housing Stabilization Services – Provider Geographic Shortage Area

The baseline for provider geographic shortage areas for these services will utilize the Minnesota Department of Health’s Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA). Health professional shortage areas (HPSAs) are geographic regions, populations and facilities with too few health providers and services. In addition to the counties defined by HPSA, the state has opted to include additional counties as geographic exception areas to ensure recipients have the capacity to be assessed for and receive services. According to these guidelines, the following counties would be considered provider geographic shortage areas:

1. Beltrami
2. Blue Earth
3. Clay
4. Clearwater
5. Dodge
6. Faribault
7. Fillmore
8. Goodhue
9. Houston
10. Jackson
11. Kanabec
12. Koochiching
13. Lincoln
14. Lyon
15. Mahnommen
16. Marshall
17. Martin
18. Mower
19. Murray
20. Norman
21. Otter Tail
22. Pipestone
23. Redwood
24. Renville
25. Roseau
26. St. Louis
27. Stearns
28. Steele

29. Wabasha
30. Wadena
31. Waseca
32. Wilkin
33. Winona

The Department will evaluate gaps in capacity and provider shortages and establish steps to address these barriers to access for recipients of these services. Once a provider shortage no longer exists in a given area, the Department will prohibit agencies from conducting assessments and care plan development from also delivering state plan HCBS. The Department will post information on its website regarding the conflict of interest standards. The Department's goal is to ensure that the outcomes are in the best interests of recipients of these services.