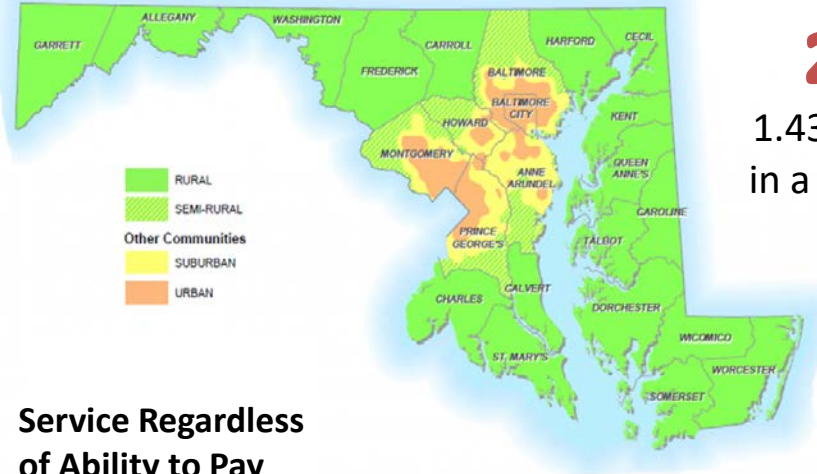


Power of Rural Maryland



25% OF POPULATION

1.43 Million Marylanders living in a state-designated rural area¹



Service Regardless of Ability to Pay



- 1 Rural Health Clinic³
- 8 Federally Qualified Health Centers⁴
- 16 Hospitals⁵
- 18 Local Health Departments
- 27 School Based Health Centers⁶

Federally-designated as rural:

- Caroline • Dorchester • Garrett • Kent • Talbot

Partially designated:

- Frederick • Queen Anne's • Somerset • Washington • Worcester²

Student Training



3 Regional Area Health Education Centers preparing youth and medical students for careers in healthcare⁷

Developing Rural Service Providers



School of Medicine clinical rotation placements in rural Maryland



Physician Assistant programs based in rural Counties



Tax Credits for Preceptors Program⁸

Provider Recruitment and Retention Efforts (Fiscal Year 2020)

Office of Workforce Development programs help enable healthcare providers to improve healthcare access in rural Maryland

>124,800 hours in service obligations⁹



\$760,000 allocated toward physician and physician assistant loan repayment assistance¹⁰

Conrad 30 (J-1 Visa Waiver) Program recommended 19 providers to provide primary and specialty care in rural areas¹¹

National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Healthcare **88**

provider participants currently serving rural Maryland¹²

Maryland State Office of Rural Health

The Office (SORH) is one of 50 State Offices of Rural Health. These statewide organizations are designed to work at the local level, linking federal and state resources to rural community needs.

<https://pophealth.health.maryland.gov>

**Connecting, collaborating, and
improving rural Maryland!**

Maryland Office of Workforce Development

This office works to improve accessibility and quality of care by implementing programs to increase the number of health care providers across the state, especially in rural areas and areas considered to have health professional shortage and/or medically underserved areas/ population.

<https://pophealth.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Workforce.aspx>

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