



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Dear Director:

As part of the Administration's effort to improve health care delivery, Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services, asked the Indian Health Service (IHS) and the Health Resources and Services Administration to work together to designate all IHS facilities as National Health Service Corps (NHSC) approved sites. We are pleased to inform you that your facility is an approved NHSC site as of May 2, 2011.

Participation in the NHSC will provide an opportunity to join a network of clinical practice sites dedicated to building healthier communities in areas of the United States with the greatest need. To learn more about the program, you can visit [www.nhsc.hrsa.gov](http://www.nhsc.hrsa.gov).

As an active NHSC site, your facility will receive the following benefits:

- The ability to recruit qualified NHSC scholars and providers participating in the Loan Repayment Program.
  - NHSC providers include primary care physicians (MD or DO), physician assistants, nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, psychiatrists, dentists, dental hygienists, psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, psychiatric nurse specialists, marriage and family therapists, and licensed professional counselors.
- Access to the NHSC Job Opportunities List where you can post primary care provider vacancies and receive news about NHSC job placement events.
- Educational, training and networking resources that support your facility and your NHSC providers.

This year's NHSC Loan Repayment Application cycle closes on May 26, 2011. If your site is interested in recruiting providers or if you have eligible providers who may be interested in loan repayment, please follow the instructions below:

- **Complete a Site Profile.** The NHSC Site Profiles provide NHSC clinicians with information about your facility and the surrounding community. The site profile form can be found at <http://www.nhsc.hrsa.gov/communities/siteprofileform.pdf>.
- **Post Job Openings at Your Site.** Post any job openings you may have on the NHSC Job Opportunities List, which is reviewed regularly by current and prospective NHSC providers. Call 1-877-313-1823 to speak with a representative who can post new and update current vacancies.

We welcome you to the NHSC program and look forward to working with you to ensure that more NHSC providers have the opportunity to serve in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. If you have any questions or concerns, please call 1-877-313-1823.

Sincerely,

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