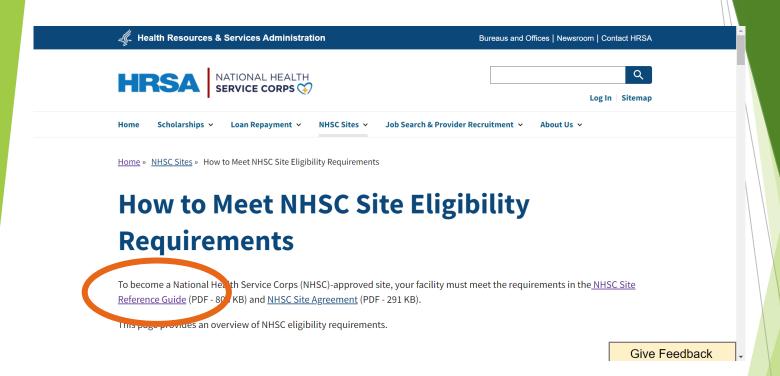# NHSC Site Application Process: Comprehensive Primary Care

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# Comprehensive Primary Care

**COMPREHENSIVE PRIMARY CARE**

Your site must provide comprehensive primary care (medical, dental, and/or mental/behavioral), which correspond to its designated Health Professional Shortage Area type. The National Health Service Corps defines comprehensive primary care as a continuum of care not focused or limited to gender identity, organ system, a particular illness, or categorical population (e.g., developmentally disabled or those with cancer). Your site must also function as part of a system of care that either offers or ensures access to ancillary, inpatient, and specialty referrals.

With the exception of Substance Use Disorder treatment facilities, if your site does not offer all primary care services, it must provide an appropriate set of primary care services necessary for the community or populations you serve. For example, a site serving a senior population must provide geriatric primary care services.

# Required Documents

**Acceptable Documents**

- ▶ Signed Memorandums of Understanding

- ▶ Signed Memorandums of Agreement

- ▶  Signed Contracts

- ▶ If formal referral arrangements do not exist, the site must provide a dated and signed description of how it ensures patient access to ancillary, inpatient, and specialty care.

# Who Submits CPC

**Exempt Facilities**

▶ Federally Qualified Health Centers* (FQHCs)

▶ Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alikes*

▶ Indian Health Service Facilities*

▶ Federal/State Prisons*

▶ ICE Facilities*

**Non-exempt Facilities**

▶ All other eligible National Health Service Corps site types

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