

(Provided by Randall Morgan, Portland Area IHS)

Hello Everyone:

I have been asked by the IHS Health Professions Support Branch to send this notice out to you so that you can send it to the appropriate sites in your Area. The IHS Health Professions Support Branch has been working with the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) on the automatic HPSA scoring for primary care tribal and IHS sites. The NHSC is updating their Mental Health automatic HPSA scores. This will require information from each site. If your site is interested in utilizing the NHSC loan repayment or scholarship program for psychiatrists or alcohol and substance abuse specialists, then please provide the necessary information on the attached spreadsheet by no later than June 8, 2009. This is a unique opportunity to provide loan repayment funding due to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

In addition, if the program site has not filled out a NHSC Multi-Year Recruitment and Retention Assistance Application, please have the site complete the application for FY 2009 at the following address:

<http://nhsc.bhpr.hrsa.gov/applications/rraa.asp>

Once the application is complete, please provide it to Michael Berryhill electronically or via fax. He will then submit it to NHSC to ensure processing. This will enable sites to potentially utilize the NHSC programs.

Please direct all questions to Michael Berryhill at the following:

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Thank you.

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