THE AZ CENTER FOR RURAL HEALTH WEBINAR SERIES

A webinar series focused on providing technical assistance to rural stakeholders to disseminate research findings, policy updates, best-practices and other rural health issues to statewide rural partners and stakeholders throughout the state.

A NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH DAY WEBINAR:
Thursday, November 18, 2021
12-1:00 pm Arizona Time

Arizona Primary Care Office: HPSAs & Loan Repayment Programs

Upon completion, participants will be able to:

1. Describe three different types of Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) designations.
2. Identify the current HPSA status for their community and/or facility, using tools shared.
3. Understand requirements for Arizona State Loan Repayment Program and the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program.

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