

WAC 246-562-070 Criteria for practice locations. (1) All proposed practice location(s) must be an existing practice location in Washington state for at least 12 months prior to application submit-tal.

(2) All proposed practice location(s) provided in the application will be counted toward the maximum number of sponsorships allotted as described in WAC 246-562-095 (6) (a).

(3) Any proposed practice location(s) must be located in:

(a) A federally designated primary care HPSA(s) in Washington state; or

(b) A federally designated mental health HPSA(s) in Washington state for psychiatrists applications.

(4) Local, state, or federal institutions that are federally des-ignated with a facility designation may request state sponsorship. Physician services may be limited to the population of the institu-tion. All other state and federal requirements must be met.

(5) If the practice location is not located in a federally desig-nated HPSA or a state correctional or psychiatric institution, then the applicant must apply for a Flex waiver.

(6) Successful Flex waiver applicants must be able to document:

(a) Their practice location's service area and to what extent they provide services to residents of surrounding designated HPSAs;

(b) The percentage of the sponsored physician's patient panel reasonably expected to be medicaid and medicare patients given current use of the service and practice location by those populations;

(c) How the applicant will ensure access to this physician for low-income or uninsured patients;

(d) If there is a unique practice area or substantial referral network making the physician a statewide resource for certain medical conditions; and

(e) If the physician has language skills that will benefit pa-tients at the practice location.

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