

**Definition: Qualified Rural Community**  
Community Match Loan and Rural Physician Recruitment Program

For those signing contracts on or after August 2007, a qualified rural community is defined as:

An area reasonably determined by the Board to be medically underserved.

Medically underserved means an area determined by the Board to have unmet needs for medical services due to factors including without limitation:

- The ratio of primary care physicians to population
- Infant mortality rate
- Percentage of population below federal poverty level as of January, 2007
- Percentage of resident individuals over age 60
- Percentage of physicians over age 60
- Accessibility within the area to primary care medicine
- Other relevant criteria the Board deems necessary

**\*Rural communities apply and provide this information in the application for the Board to determine eligibility.**