

## 42 C.F.R. § 5.2

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### Definitions.

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*Act* means the Public Health Service Act, as amended.

*Health professional(s) shortage area* means any of the following which the Secretary determines has a shortage of health professional(s): (1) An urban or rural area (which need not conform to the geographic boundaries of a political subdivision and which is a rational area for the delivery of health services); (2) a population group; or (3) a public or nonprofit private medical facility.

*Health service area* means a health service area whose boundaries have been designated by the Secretary, under section 1511 of the Act, for purposes of health planning activities.

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