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# 42 U.S. Code § 254c-20

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## Expanding capacity for health outcomes

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### **(a) Definitions**

In this section:

#### **(1) Eligible entity**

The term “eligible entity” means an entity that provides, or supports the provision of, health care services in rural areas, frontier areas, health professional shortage areas, or medically underserved areas, or to medically underserved populations or Native Americans, including Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and urban Indian organizations, and which may include entities leading, or capable of leading, a technology-enabled collaborative learning and capacity building model or engaging in technology-enabled collaborative training of participants in such model.

#### **(2) Health professional shortage area**

The term “health professional shortage area” means a health professional shortage area designated under section 254e of this title.

#### **(3) Indian Tribe**

The terms “Indian Tribe” and “Tribal organization” have the meanings given the terms “Indian tribe” and “tribal organization” in section 5304 of title 25.

#### **(4) Medically underserved population**

The term “medically underserved population” has the meaning given the term in section 254b(b)(3) of this title.

#### **(5) Native Americans**

The term “Native Americans” has the meaning given the term in section 293 of this title and includes Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations.

#### **(6) Technology-enabled collaborative learning and capacity building model**

The term “technology-enabled collaborative learning and capacity building model” means a distance health education model that connects health care professionals, and particularly specialists, with multiple other health care professionals through simultaneous interactive videoconferencing for the purpose of facilitating case-based learning, disseminating best practices, and evaluating outcomes.

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