

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Health Resources and Services Administration

Bureau of Health Professions

Rockville, MD 20857

March 19, 2009

The Honorable Dave Freudenthal Governor State of Wyoming State Capitol Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002 T. 35292 B. 19488 04.021.00

Dear Governor Freudenthal:

We have reviewed your application dated December 22, 2008, requesting certification of one or more Governor's designated eligible area(s) for Rural Health Clinic (RHC) program purposes.

Based on the information received or otherwise available, we have made a determination about your request(s), which is displayed on the enclosure.

If the enclosure shows a new, continued or reinstated certification, we have determined your request(s) met your State's established methodology. Our certification of these are effective as of the date of this letter. If the enclosure shows that a certification has been withdrawn, this is effective as of the date of this letter.

As you know, certification of Governor's designated eligible area(s) for RHC program purposes only and do not constitute Federal designation as a health professional shortage area (under section 332 of the Public Health Service Act) or as a Medically Underserved Area or Population (under section 330 of the Act). Also, clinics in the certified area(s) must still apply to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to receive certification as a Rural Health Clinic.

We appreciate your cooperation in this joint effort. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Santford Williams of my staff at 301-594-0816.

Sincerely yours,

Diana Espinosa, Acting Director Office of Shortage Designation

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Enclosure

cc: Wyoming State Primary Care Office
Wyoming State Primary Care Association
Wyoming State Medical Association
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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"Service areas with population to physician ratio of at least 1500:1 and at least one of the following high need indicators:

- Population density of less than 10 persons per square mile
- 25% or higher population below 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
- 15% of population age 65 or older

Services areas may be a single county, partial county or a group of contiguous counties."

The following areas will be designated based on this proposal, based on the 2008 analysis:

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>	All of Albany			

- ► All of Crook County
- ► All of Sheridan County
- ► Northern Campbell County including the following census tracts:
 - 23

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- 0 5
- 0 6
- 0 7
- ► Southeastern Fremont County including the following census tracts:
 - 0 3
- ► Western Uinta County including the following census tracts:
 - 0 9753
 - 0 9754
- ► Northern Lincoln County including the following census tracts:
 - 0 9780
 - 0 9781