NHSC Field Strength
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Impact of American Reinvestment Recovery Act and Affordable Care Act Funding

- ARRA and ACA funding have allowed for the Corps’ historic growth.
- In 2011, the Corps had 3 sources of funding (annual appropriations, ARRA, and ACA funds); and the field strength was at its highest.
- The 2012 field strength is almost 3X the size of 2008’s field strength, when the Corps had only annual appropriations.
NHSC Field Strength Proportions

- Over the years, Oral Health disciplines, PAs, NPs, and CNMs have maintained their proportions in the Corps.

- In general, Mental & Behavioral Health representation in the Corps has grown, while physicians have decreased.

Physicians and Dentists are the only two disciplines that have experienced an increase in percentage in the Corps from 2011 to 2012

- Physicians have grown from 23.7% to 25.9%
- Dentists have grown from 11.7% to 12.3%
In addition to the NHSC Field Strength, over 1,000 NHSC students and residents are in the pipeline to expand the next generation of providers in underserved areas.

The NHSC Pipeline includes students who are still in school, students in post-graduate training, and students who are looking for placement.
Within disciplines:
- African American physicians represented 17% of Corps physicians, exceeding their 6.3% share in the national physician workforce
- Hispanic physicians represented 16% of Corps physicians, compared to only 5.5% in the national physician workforce
- American Indian/Alaskan Native physicians represented 1% of Corps physicians, larger than their 0.5% share in the national physician workforce
- Hispanic dentists represented 14% of Corps dentists, compared to only 7.9% in the national dental workforce

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HPSAs are based on shortages of primary medical care, dental or mental health providers and are used by HRSA, other Federal Agencies, and States to prioritize recruitment and retention of primary health professionals and for enhanced physician reimbursement rates for practicing providers in these designated shortage areas.

As of December 27, 2012, there are:

- **5,848 Primary Care HPSAs** with 56.8 million people living in them. It would take 15,297 practitioners to meet their need for primary care providers.
- **4,585 Dental HPSAs** with 45 million people living in them. It would take 9,060 practitioners to meet their need for dental providers.
- **3,802 Mental Health HPSAs** with 90.6 million people living in them. It would take 5,834 practitioners to meet their need for mental health providers.
Discussion
Questions