

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

CERTIFICATE OF NEED

Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

Rural Area's and Metropolitan Counties

The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) uses two methods to determine geographic eligibility for their grant programs. Counties that are not designated as part of Metropolitan Areas (MAs) by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) are considered rural. Counties that are not part of Metropolitan Area are considered rural. Micropolitan counties are considered non-Metropolitan.

Due to entire counties being designated as Metropolitan when there are parts within those counties that may be rural in nature, FORHP considers the sub-county sections of the Metropolitan counties that can be designated as rural. The Goldsmith modification was used to identify rural Census tracts in large Metropolitan counties.

FORHP funded the development of Rural Urban Commuting Area Codes (RUCAs) to designate "Rural" areas within the MAs. Census tracts with RUCA codes 4 through 10 are considered rural for approval of Rural Health Grants. While use of the RUCA codes has allowed identification of rural census tracts in Metropolitan counties, some areas are large enough that the use of RUCA codes alone fails to account for distance to services and sparse population. Therefore, FORHP has also designated rural census tracts with RUCA codes 2 or 3 that are at least 400 square miles in area with a population density of no more than 35 people.

To determine whether a county or a particular address is designated rural, visit the webpage [Rural Health Grants Eligibility Advisor](#).

FORHP has identified two sections for metropolitan counties and rural areas within the United States. The most current and entire list can be located under the [List of Rural Counties And Designated Eligible Census Tracts in Metropolitan Counties](#). If further information is required, contact FORHP at (301) 443-0835

Section I: A list of non-Metro counties arranged by State. The entire area of these counties is considered rural.

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Alcona	Iron	Shiawassee
Alger	Isabella	St. Joseph
Allegan	Kalkaska	Tuscola
Alpena	Keweenaw	Wexford
Antrim	Lake	
Arenac	Leelanau	
Baraga	Lenawee	
Benzie	Luce	
Branch	Mackinac	
Charlevoix	Manistee	
Cheboygan	Marquette	
Chippewa	Mason	
Clare	Mecosta	
Crawford	Menominee	
Delta	Missaukee	
Dickinson	Montmorency	
Emmet	Newaygo	
Gladwin	Oceana	
Gogebic	Ogemaw	
Grand	Ontonagon	
Traverse	Osceola	
Gratiot	Oscoda	
Hillsdale	Otsego	
Houghton	Presque Isle	
Huron	Roscommon	
Ionia	Sanilac	
Iosco	Schoolcraft	

Section II – A list of Metropolitan counties where FORHP has identified certain Census Tracts that are considered rural. Only the area of the identified tracts is considered rural in those Metropolitan counties.

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Barry County

26015010100
26015011300
26015011400

Bay County

26017286300

Berrien County

26021011200
26021011300
26021011400
26021021300
26021021400

Calhoun County

26025002900
26025003000
26025003100
26025003200
26025003300
26025003400
26025003500
26025003600
26025003800
26025003900
26025004000

Cass County

26027001700
26027001900
26027002000
26027002200

Ingham County

26065006002
26065980300

Lapeer County

26087332000
26087332500
26087333500
26087334000
26087336500
26087337000
26087337500

Monroe County

26115830800

Montcalm County

26117970100
26117970200
26117970300
26117970400
26117970700
26117970800
26117970900
26117971000
26117971100
26117971200
26117971300

Muskegon County

26121003000
26121003900

Saginaw County

26145011300
26145012500
26145012700

Van Buren County

26159010200
26159010300

26159010400
26159010500
26159010600
26159011500
26159012000

Washtenaw County

26161422900