The federal Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) designation is given to areas that demonstrate a shortage of healthcare providers, on the basis of availability of dentists. This designation is based on the MSSA boundary, its population to dental practitioner ratio, and available access to healthcare.

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