

## Project Abstract

**Project Title:** *PCORP: Primary Care in the Ozarks Residency Program*  
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CoxHealth, on behalf of its Family Medicine Residency program (Cox FMR) requests funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for *PCORP: Primary Care in the Ozarks Residency Program*. The purpose of PCORP is to enhance Cox FMR, a family medicine ACGME approved residency program, by adding eight physician residents into rural, underserved areas in southwest Missouri, improving access and quality of care, while encouraging these family medicine residents to choose these rural and underserved areas after graduation.

PCORP will create an integrated, interprofessional residency program rural/underserved track to increase recruitment and retention of rural and or underserved primary care physicians in southwest Missouri by 2025. PCORP will accomplish the following measurable objectives 1) Recruit one faculty for PCORP; 2) Establish rural/underserved track site at Jordan Valley Community Health Center (JVCHC); 3) Request program expansion from ACGME Accreditation and recruit eight residents over the five-year grant period for PCORP; 4) Develop PCORP curriculum that incorporates education and practice for faculty and residents to implement MAT/addictions and Telehealth treatment for rural/underserved patients and assist all residents in the process to receive a MAT waiver; 5) Implement retention and recruitment strategy in rural/underserved areas for residents graduating from PCORP with a goal of greater than 50 percent retained in southwest Missouri; and 6) Develop a sustainability plan for PCORP by close of program.

Clinical priorities addressed by PCORP include improving community health outcomes by combatting the opioid crisis and strengthening resident training in the use of Telehealth technology as well as increasing access to primary care in medically underserved, rural areas.

Cox FMR and JVCHC will work in partnership to create a rural/underserved primary care residency track at JVCHC Springfield location utilizing the four rural Missouri sites: JVCHC in Hollister, Family Practice and Obstetrics in Monett, CoxHealth Cassville Clinic in Cassville, and Family Practice and Obstetrics in Branson upon receipt of grant funding. The rural/underserved track expansion will help address the critical need for primary care access in the HPSA designated counties served by Cox FMR through recruitment and retention of PCORP residents.

CoxHealth is applying for funding preference of Qualification 1: High Rate. CoxHealth has a rate of 81.25 percent of graduates from Academic Years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 placed in practice settings serving medically underserved communities.