

# Veterinarian Shortage Situation Nomination Form

To be completed by the chief State or Insular Area Animal Health Official or his/her designee

## Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP)

### Nomination of Veterinarian Shortage Situations for the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) Authorized Under the National Veterinary Medical Service Act (NVMSA)

**Note: Please submit one separate nomination form for each position. See solicitation for number of nominations permitted for your state or insular area.**

**Veterinary Shortage ID Code: WV111**

#### Location of Veterinary Shortage Area for this Nomination

Note: If this nomination is for a public practice position, please provide the location of the home office or the center of service area.

Location of Veterinary Shortage: Central West Virginia (Counties Wirt, Pleasants, Ritchie, Doddridge, Calhoun and Gilmer)  
(e.g., County, State/Insular Area)

Center of Service Area or  
Location of Position: U S Route 50/ State Route 16, Harrisville, WV 26362  
(e.g., Address or Cross Street, Town/City, and Zip Code)

#### Type of Veterinary Practice Area/Discipline/Specialty

Type I Shortage: Private Practice

Food Animal Medicine (at least 80 percent time)

Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:

- Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Swine
- Poultry
- Small Ruminant
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Type II Shortage: Private Practice – Rural Area

Food Animal Medicine (at least 30 percent time)

Please select **one or more** specialties requested for this position:

- Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Swine
- Poultry
- Small Ruminant
- Other :    No local veterinary service available for the majority of the population within this area

Type III Shortage: Public Practice (at least 49 percent time\*)

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select **one or more** specialty/disciplinary areas.

- Food Safety
- Public Health
- Epidemiology
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please describe the objectives of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation as well as being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).**

There is only one veterinarian (mixed practice) located in this six county area. Veterinary services are often refused by out of area veterinarians who are required to drive many miles to reach an individual farm, thus making it uneconomical and inconvenient to make farm calls. This area is heavily populated with small family farms, the West Virginia norm as we have more small family owned farms per capita than any other state. Providing much needed large and small animal services at a convenient central location would be the expected benefit of locating a veterinary practice in or near Harrisville.

**Please describe the activities of a veterinarian meeting this shortage situation and being located in the community, area, state/insular area, or position requested above (limit your response to 200 words or less).**

Any veterinarian willing to locate to this area would be called upon to operate a mixed practice with a large percentage of clientele presenting livestock. The Harrisville/Ellenboro area is located on a major east-west four lane highway (US 50) that crosses the central portion of the state from Parkersburg to Clarksburg, thus making this location accessible to anyone from central West Virginia. This person would ideally be able to make farm visits and maintain office hours on a limited but regular basis. The first priorities in a disease situation are identification and containment, both of which are much better served by a trained professional.

**Please describe any past efforts to recruit and retain a veterinarian in the shortage situation identified above (limit your response to 100 words or less).**

Citizens of this area have not had a concerted effort to establish a large animal veterinary practice. We have numerous reports from farmers in this area of failed attempts to procure farm call service for livestock related incidents. After introducing the possibility of USDA assistance to place a large animal veterinarian in this vicinity, the Ritchie County Development Authority offered their support for anyone who would be willing to locate their services in Ritchie County. Local County Extension Agents also view this very favorably and offered support for this project.

**Please describe the risk of this veterinarian position not being secured or retained. Include the risk(s) to the production of a safe and wholesome food supply and to animal, human, and environmental health not only in the community but in the region, state/insular area, nation, and/or international community (limit your response to 250 words or less).**

USDA can help ensure there is a first line of defense against animal diseases across the United States by placing qualified veterinarians in areas where there is a critical need. This program will help support veterinary services for mixed and large animal veterinary practices in West Virginia, especially in the area of food animal medicine, which will reduce stress on producers and improve the health of the livestock industry. The production animal industry in West Virginia is only as strong as its weakest link. The safety of food animal production is incrementally increased by increasing the resources for veterinary health coverage in this area of the state.

**Please indicate whether you consider this situation/position a candidate for a "service in emergency" agreement (limit your response to 100 words or less). Please see solicitations for additional information regarding the obligation of participants who enter into the "Service in Emergency" agreement.**

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