

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.

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: Summit-Wasatch Counties, Utah
(e.g., County, State/Insular Area)

Center of Service Area or
 Location of Position: 90 East 1520 North Hwy 40, Heber City, Utah 84032
(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 : Horses

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).

1. This is an area with large bands of sheep. There are better than 30,000 head of sheep that call this area home. There are also 14,000 head of beef cows. There are also some small dairies in this area. The cash receipts from animal agriculture in these counties are \$25,110,000/year.
2. Accreditation for the practicing veterinarian in order to address program disease needs of federal and state government. As an example, tuberculosis, trichomoniasis, and brucellosis program monitoring and testing.
3. Act as a professional resource to the community regarding zoonotic diseases especially endemic to Utah. (e.g., plague, hanta virus, hydatid disease)
4. Address the companion animal needs of the ranching and farming communities. Also address public health needs as related to animals in that area. (e.g., rabies, pet over population)

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).

We envision this veterinarian setting up a practice in Heber, Utah which is centrally located for both Wasatch and Summit Counties. This veterinarian would base their practice from this clinic. Because of the remote nature of ranches and farms in this county, this practitioner would need to have a mobile clinic from which to practice from during farm and ranch calls. The fixed facility should be capable of addressing emergency small and large animal needs.

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).

Because of poor accessibility in this area, the ranchers and farmers are under served and are frequently pursuing methods of skirting the practice act so that they can perform procedures that veterinarians should be doing. The economy of Summit and Wasatch Counties are still in many aspects based on ranching. Any efforts to attract an additional veterinarian to this area have been unsuccessful because of the income needed to meet current student loan obligations of new graduates.

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).

Because of the veterinary shortage in this area, many food animal related issues have become problematic. As an example, in order for cattle to be shipped properly between states, certificates of veterinary inspection are needed to accompany the cattle. Due to the shortage of veterinarians, this is often overlooked and has become a challenge in regards to the monitoring of disease in this region. Also the scrapie program could be greatly facilitated with a private practitioner who had developed relationships with these large ranchers.

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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