

## Oregon Rural Hospitals and Eligibility for the State Tax Credit Program - Optometrists

**Type A rural hospitals** - 50 or less beds and more than 30 miles from nearest hospital (Members of medical staff and CRNAs are eligible):

*Blue Mountain	John Day
*Curry General	Gold Beach
*Good Shepherd Med. Cntr.	Hermiston
*Grande Ronde	La Grande
*Harney District	Burns
Holy Rosary	Ontario
*Lake District	Lakeview
*Pioneer Memorial	Heppner
*St. Anthony <sup>1</sup>	Pendleton
*St. Elizabeth	Baker
*Tillamook County General	Tillamook
*Wallowa Memorial	Enterprise

**Type B rural hospitals** – 50 or less beds. (Members of medical staff and CRNAs are eligible except where noted)

Ashland Community <sup>2</sup>	Ashland
*Columbia Memorial <sup>1</sup>	Astoria
*Coquille Valley	Coquille
*Cottage Grove <sup>5</sup>	Cottage Grove
*Lower Umpqua	Reedsport
Mid-Columbia Medical Center	The Dalles
*Mountain View	Madras
*Peace Harbor <sup>3</sup>	Florence
*Providence Hood River	Hood River
Providence Newberg <sup>2</sup>	Newberg
*Providence Seaside	Seaside
*Pioneer Memorial	Prineville
*Samaritan Lebanon Comm <sup>3</sup>	Lebanon
*Samaritan North Lincoln	Lincoln City
*Samaritan Pacific Comm	Newport
Santiam Memorial <sup>2</sup>	Stayton
Silverton <sup>2</sup>	Silverton
*Southern Coos	Bandon
St. Charles Medical Center <sup>2</sup>	Redmond
*West Valley Hospital <sup>6</sup>	Dallas

**Type C rural hospitals** - more than 50 beds (Members of medical staff and CRNAs are eligible only if hospital is designated as “exceptional.”)

Mercy Medical Center <sup>4</sup>	Roseburg
Three Rivers <sup>4</sup>	Grants Pass
Willamette Valley Medical	McMinnville

\* = CAH  
(federally designated Critical Access Hospital)

**Rural Referral Centers** – medical staff are NOT eligible for the tax credit

Bay Area Hospital	Coos Bay
Good Samaritan Corvallis	Corvallis
Merle West Medical Center	Klamath Falls
St. Charles Medical Center	Bend

<sup>1</sup> For tax years 1991 & 1992, was considered an exceptional Type C hospital; since tax year 1993, is a type A or B hospital.

<sup>2</sup> Not eligible for practitioner tax credit because hospital is located in a Metropolitan Statistical Area and is less than 30 miles from a major population center.

<sup>3</sup> Eligible as of 1991 tax year.

<sup>4</sup> Considered an exceptional Type C hospital for purposes of the tax credit effective with tax year 2001.

<sup>5</sup> Located in a Metropolitan Statistical Area less than 30 miles from a major population center, but eligible for the tax credit effective with tax year 1999 because of CAH status.

<sup>6</sup> Located in a Metropolitan Statistical Area less than 30 miles from a major population center, but eligible for the tax credit effective with tax year 2002 because of CAH status.

In order for optometrists with consulting privileges at a Type C hospital to be eligible for the tax credit, the hospital must be designated by the Office of Rural Health as “exceptional,” according to ORS 316.146

To attain this designation, the hospital must make application and meet the following criteria:

1. Hospital must be geographically isolated;
2. Hospital must be in an area considered “medically underserved” by the Office of Rural Health; and
3. Hospital must be able to demonstrate a history of difficulty recruiting and retaining physicians.