



Office of Statewide Health
Planning and Development

Health Workforce Pilot Projects Program



The Health Workforce Pilot Projects (HWPP) program allows organizations to test, demonstrate, and evaluate new or expanded roles for healthcare professionals, or new healthcare delivery alternatives before changes in licensing laws are made by the Legislature. Various organizations use HWPP to study the potential expansion of a profession's scope of practice to:

- Facilitate better access to healthcare
- Expand and encourage workforce development
- Demonstrate, test, and evaluate new or expanded roles for healthcare professionals or new healthcare delivery alternatives
- Help inform the Legislature when considering changes to existing legislation in the Business and Professions code

Since 1973, 173 projects have been submitted for consideration. These projects have covered expanded roles for registered nurses, dentists, medical auxiliaries, licensed vocational nurses, pharmacists, women's health care workers, and team relationships of several health care providers. Over 5,000 health providers have been prepared and utilized under the protective and evaluative umbrella of the HWPP program. These health workers have learned and utilized new skills not permitted under existing licensing laws.

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