



HRSA Bureau of Primary Health Care Policy and Program Development Update NACHC Policy and Issues Forum

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Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People



Funding Updates

FY 2021 Anticipated Funding

- American Rescue Plan
- Primary Care HIV Prevention
- School Based Service Sites

FY 2022 Anticipated Funding

- Optimizing Virtual Care
- Service Area Competition



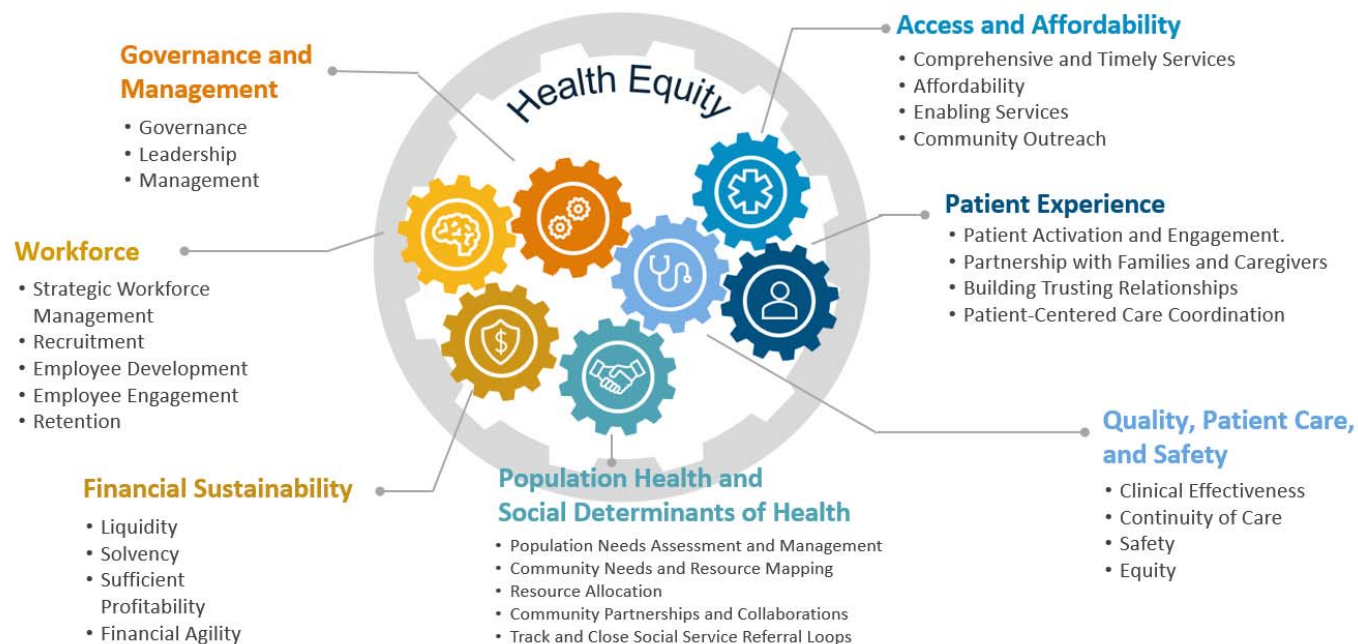
Policy Updates

- Implementation of Executive Order on Access to Affordable Life-Saving Medications
- Site Visit Protocol



Future Directions

Advancing Health Equity and Health Center Excellence



Masks for Most Vulnerable

BRIEFING ROOM

FACT SHEET: President Biden Announces New Actions to Deliver Masks to Communities Hit Hard by the Pandemic

FEBRUARY 24, 2021 • STATEMENTS AND RELEASES

As part of his National Strategy to defeat COVID-19, President Biden announced a new effort to make masks more easily available to communities hard hit by the pandemic. The Administration will deliver more than 25 million masks to over 1,300 Community Health Centers across the country as well as 60,000 food pantries and soup kitchens, reaching some of the nation's most vulnerable populations.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends mask wearing as a critical step to help slow the spread and protect people from getting COVID-19, but many low-income Americans still lack access to this basic protection.

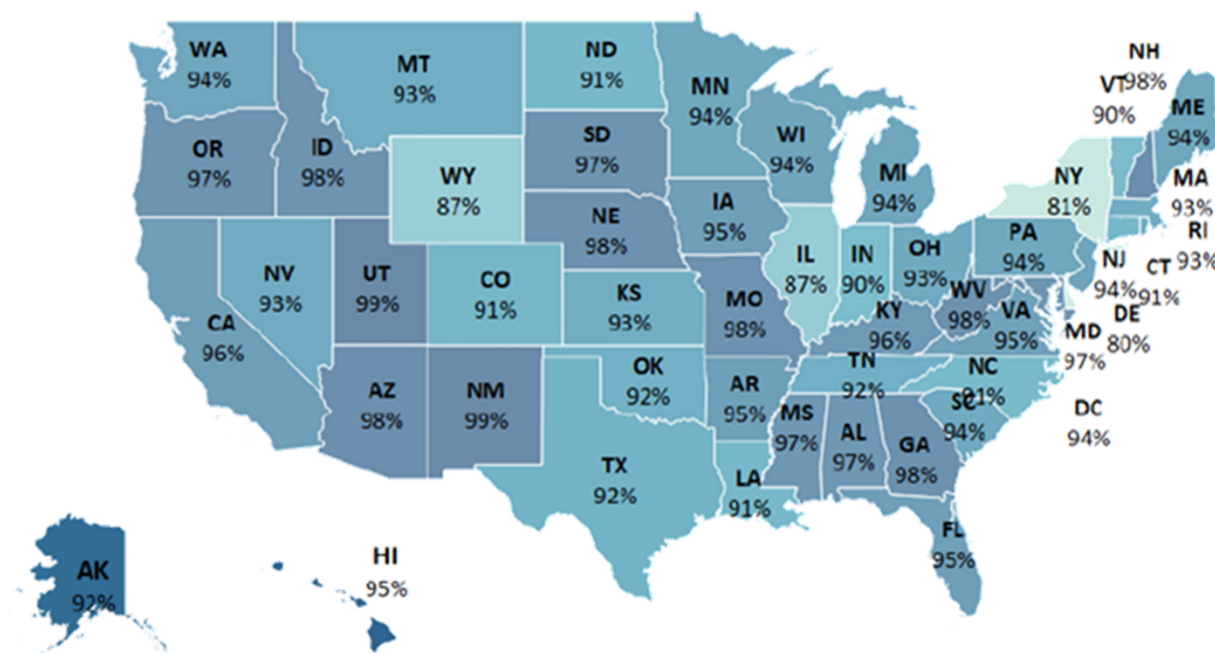


COVID-19 Performance: At a Glance

COVID-19 (H8C): Percent of Funds Drawn by State

Total % Funds Drawn (as of 2/26/21): 93%

Award Date: March 24, 2020
Amount: \$100M
Total Grant Recipients: 1,376



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AS	83%
FM	65%
GU	53%
MH	57%
MP	61%
PR	91%
PW	47%
VI	78%

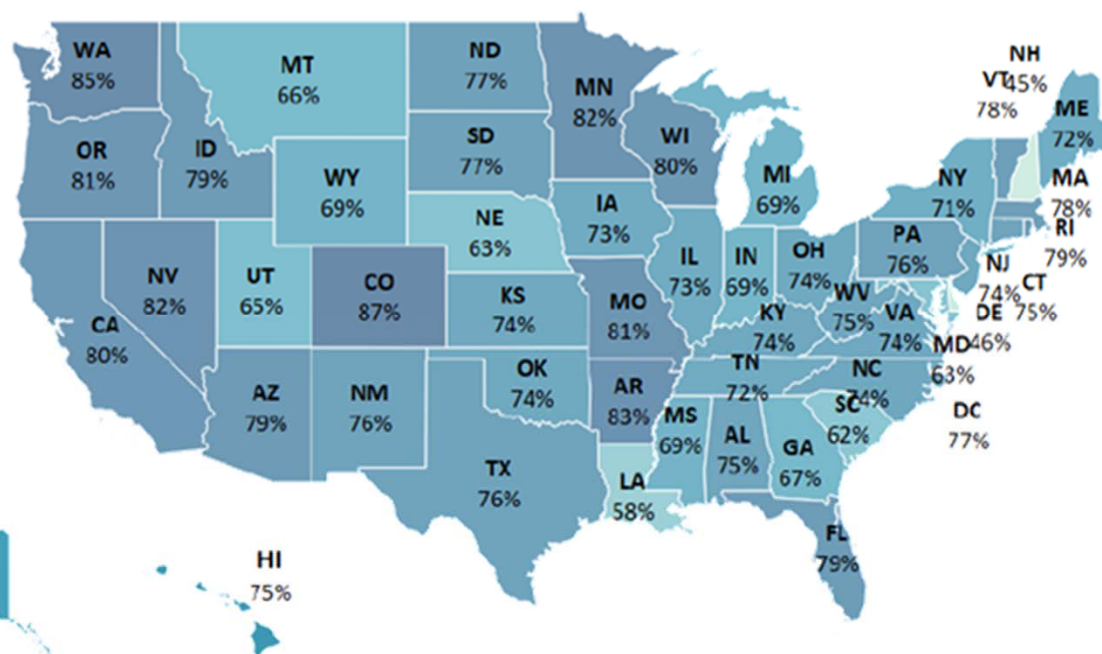


COVID-19 Performance: At a Glance

CARES (H8D): Percent of Funds Drawn by State

Total % Funds Drawn (as of 2/19/21): 75%

Award Date: April 9, 2020
Amount: \$1.32B
Total Grant Recipients: 1,384



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AS	100%
FM	52%
GU	43%
MH	68%
MP	52%
PR	65%
PW	44%
VI	100%

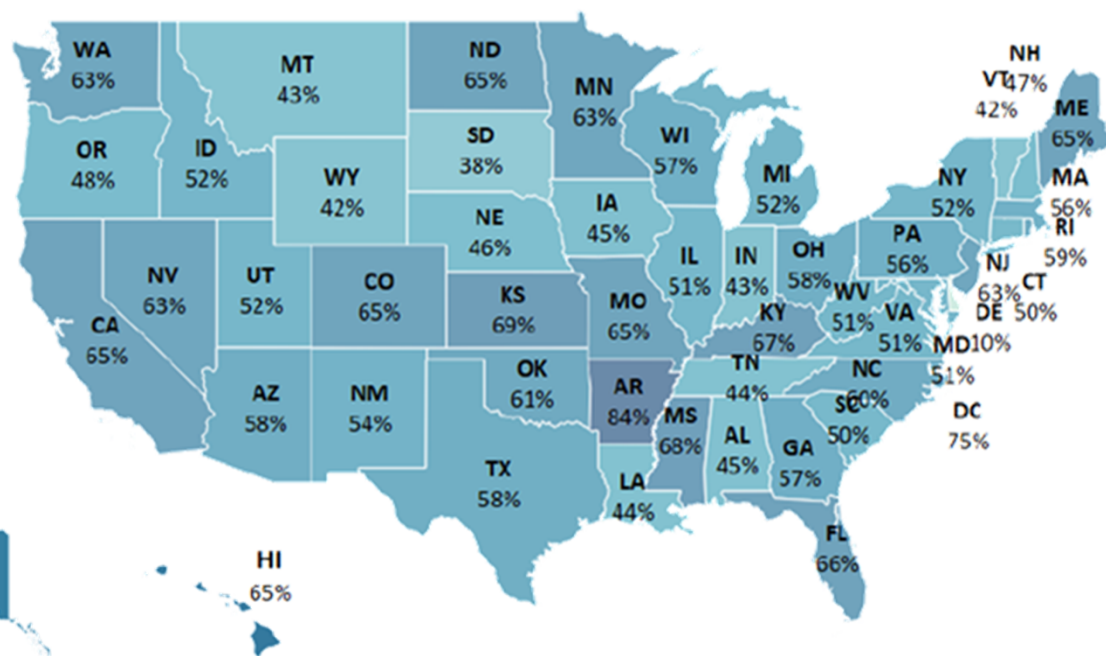


COVID-19 Performance: At a Glance

ECT (H8E): Percent of Funds Drawn by State

Total % Funds Drawn (as of 2/26/21): 58%

Award Date: May 7, 2020
Amount: \$583M
Total Grant Recipients: 1,375



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AS	28%
FM	25%
GU	38%
MH	0%
MP	57%
PR	53%
PW	0%
VI	84%

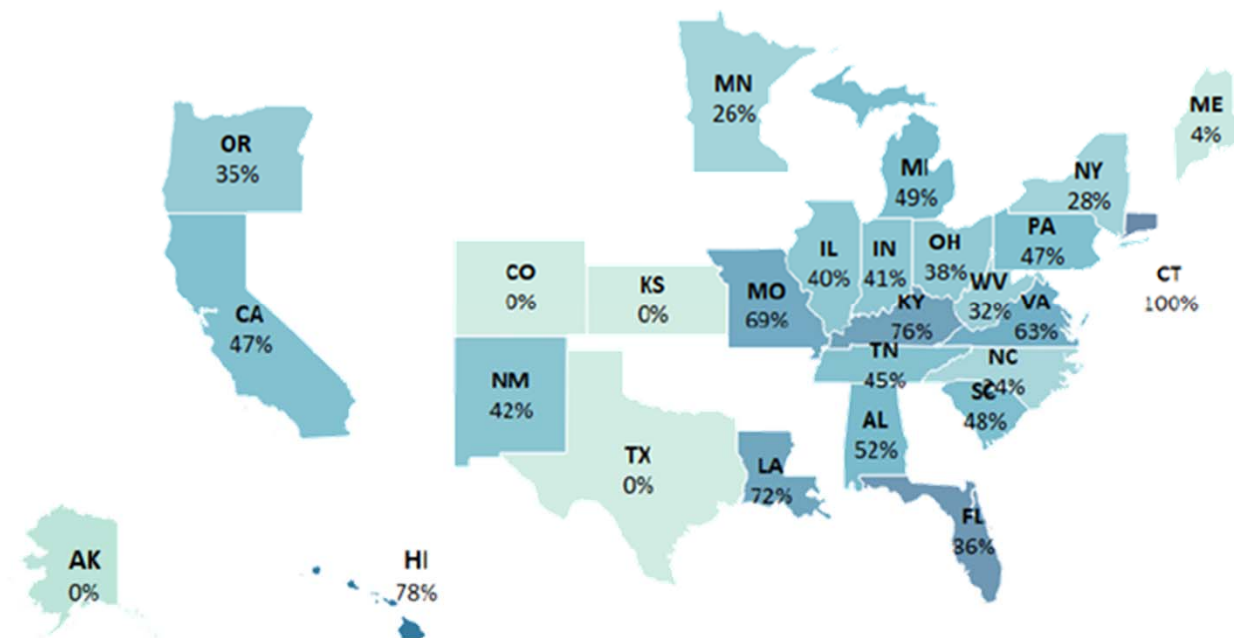


COVID-19 Performance: At a Glance

LAL ECT: Percent of Funds Drawn by State

Total % Funds Drawn (as of 2/26/21): 44%

Award Date: July 9, 2020
Amount: \$17M
Total Grant Recipients: 77



COVID-19 Performance: At a Glance

- **Total Percent Award Funds Drawn (as of 2/26/21)**
 - COVID-19 (H8C): 93%
 - CARES (H8D): 75%
 - ECT (H8E): 58%
 - ECT- LAL (L1C): 44%
- **≈ 800** COVID-19 (H8C) awards identified for closeout.
- **Staffing, Patient Safety, Capacity, and Testing** among highest percent of funded activities.
- **Staffing, Minor A/R Project Delays, Limited Availability of Supplies/Equipment** (Testing, PPE, etc.), and **Shipping Delays** are reported issues/barriers to project implementation.
- Over **600** health centers reported < 50% draw down of ECT (H8E) funds to support COVID-19 testing activities.



Fiscal Year 2021 Supplemental Funding Updates



Recently Awarded

- FY 2021 Supplemental Funding for Hypertension (NHCI-HC)

Recently Closed

- FY 2021 Ending the HIV Epidemic-Primary Care HIV Prevention Funding (PCHP)

Recently Released

- FY 2021 School-Based Service Sites (grants.gov deadline: April 2)



Coming Soon

- FY 2021 COVID awards

Future Opportunity

- FY 2022 Optimizing Virtual Care



Ongoing

- FY 2019 Integrated Behavioral Health Services (IBHS) Supplemental Funding
- FY 2019 Oral Health Infrastructure
- FY 2020 Ending the HIV Epidemic-Primary Care HIV Prevention
- FY 2020 COVID awards – if approved for extension without funds



Awardee Expectations



- Achieve intended results/outcomes of award funding.
- Meet stated award and reporting requirements within established timelines.
- Ensure proposed/approved grant costs are allowable, allocable, and reasonable.
- Timely draw down of grant funds, consistent with the implementation of proposed/approved grant activities.
- Timely submission of complete and fully responsive reporting requirements and post-award submissions (i.e., Progress Reports, Expenditure Reports, Award-specific 30-day Conditions).
- Compliance with applicable requirements of all other federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing the Health Center Program.

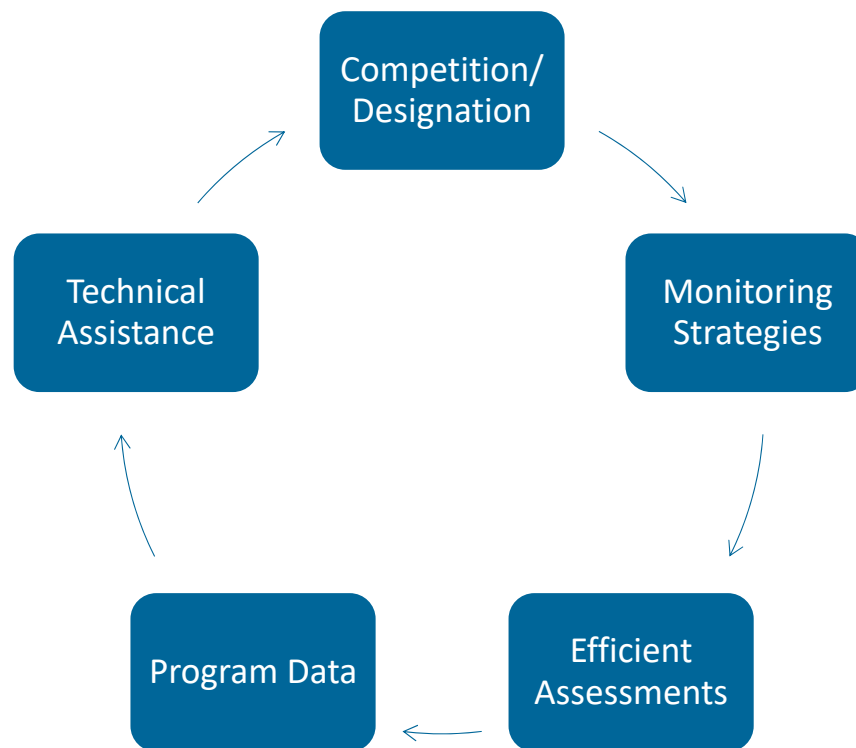


Health Center Program Monitoring Transition

- Health Center Model of Care
- Monitoring Approach
- Health Centers Segmentation
- Assessment, Support, Experience



Health Center Program Monitoring Approach



FTCA Health Center Program: Deeming Updates



1168 health centers deemed in
CY 2021



216 Volunteer Health
Professionals deemed

Effective strategies to enhance patient safety and manage clinical risks:

- Focus on creating closed looped procedures for referral tracking, hospitalization tracking, and diagnostic tracking
- Create a RM training plan for all clinical staff
- Complete Quarterly Risk Assessments
- Involve Health Center Governing Board in risk management discussions, including sharing risk management data, trends analysis, and goals

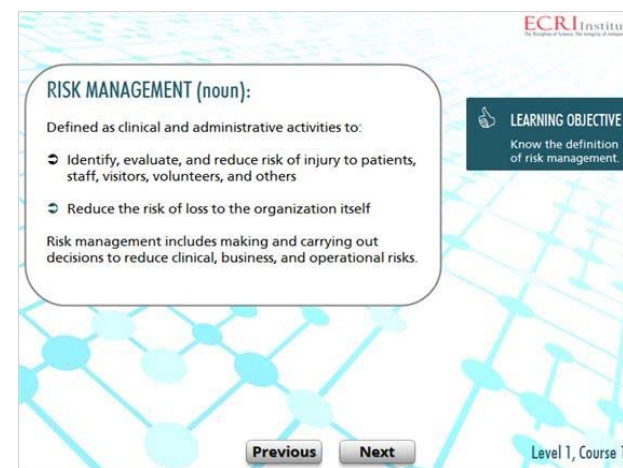
CY 2022 FTCA Health Center Deeming

Application Opens: April 23, 2021 Deadline: June 25, 2021



Clinical Risk Management Program

- Access to ECRI website, resources, and education provided FREE to FQHCs, free clinics, FQHC Look-Alikes, and PCAs on behalf of HRSA
- Key resources include:
 - Risk Management Toolkit
 - Credentialing and Privileging Toolkit
 - Dental Toolkit
 - Ambulatory Risk Management Certificate course
 - Self Assessment Checklists and Infographics
 - Continuing Education courses
 - E-newsletters and policy templates
 - Webinars and National Patient Safety Speaker Series programs



New Resources

- COVID-19 Response Toolkit
- Checklist: Optimizing Health IT for Safe and Effective COVID-19 Vaccination Processes
- Obstetrics Training Suite
 - 40 courses covering electronic fetal monitoring and other high-risk obstetrics topics (e.g., shoulder dystocia, postpartum hemorrhage)
- Infection Control Six-Course Series: Fundamental Elements of Standard Precautions
- **Save the Date!** FTCA Risk Management Virtual Conference: 9/8/2021
- For Access:
Email clinical_rm_program@ecri.org or see our listing in the sponsor directory



Health Center COVID-19 Vaccine Program Overview

- HRSA and CDC partnership to directly allocate limited supply of COVID-19 vaccine
- Separate federal allocation will be deployed in coordination with jurisdictions
- Incrementally start at select HRSA-funded health centers that specialize in caring for particularly hard-to-reach and disproportionately affected populations
- Initial phase increased access to vaccines to up to 250 health centers nationwide
- Beginning Phase 2 rollout - 700 health centers invited
- List of participating health centers:
<https://www.hrsa.gov/coronavirus/health-center-program/participants>

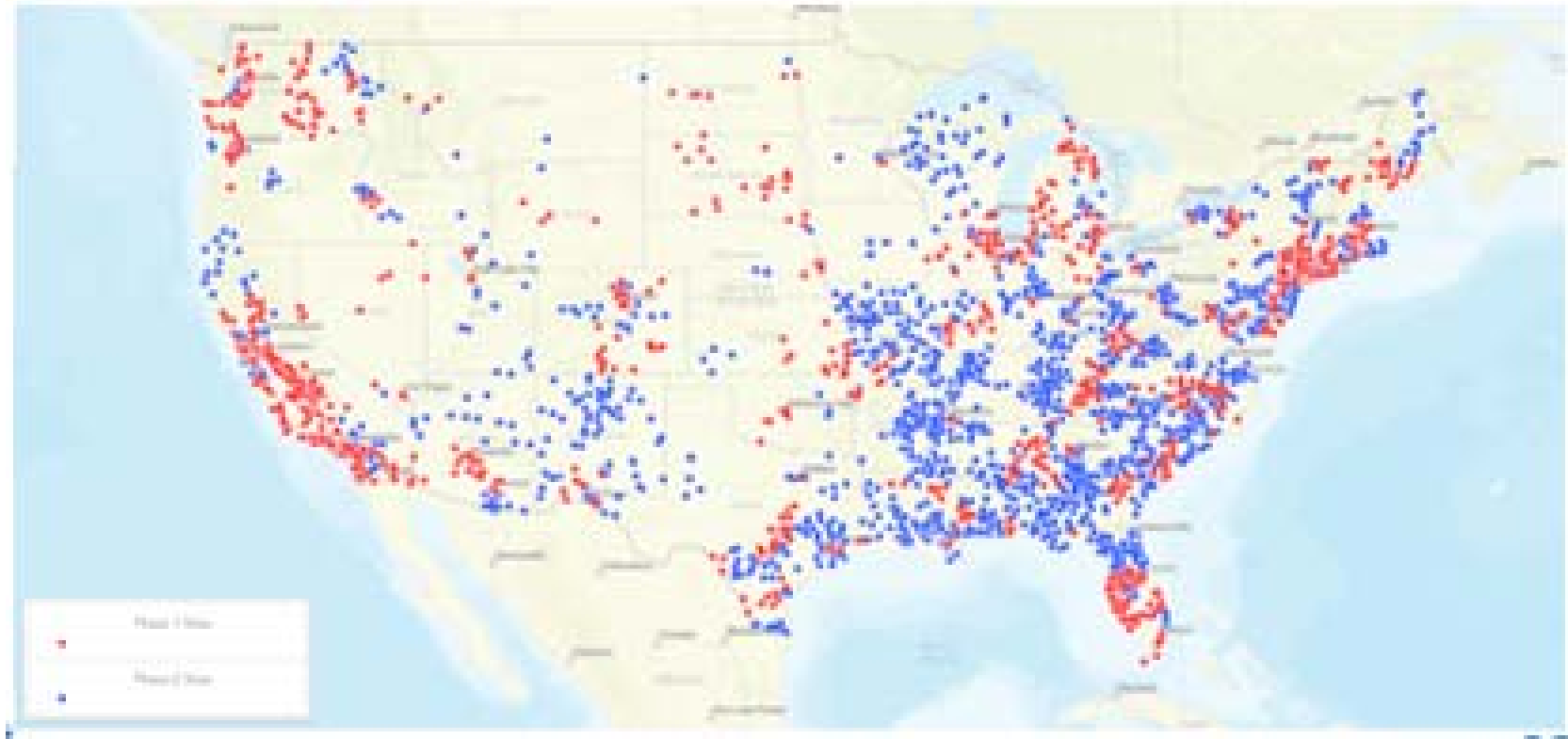
“...equity is our North Star here.”

– Dr. Marcella Nunez-Smith,
chair of the COVID-19 Health
Equity Task Force



Health Center COVID-19 Vaccine Program

Invited Health Centers and Sites



Health Center Resource Clearinghouse

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Landing Page

COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

The COVID-19 pandemic requires multiple strategies to maintain clinical preventive services, including immunization. These resources provide information on COVID-19 vaccine operations, federal guidance, collaborations, communications to increase vaccine confidence, and examples from the field.

Our COVID-19 resources include shared templates and samples from health centers and PCAs as well as National TTA providers. If you have a template or sample that you want to share, [please submit here](#).

Highlighted Resources from the Clearinghouse



Local, Regional and State Collaborations



Vaccine Confidence Communications



Federal Guidance



Operational Toolkits and Manuals



All COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

COVID-19

Vaccine Distribution

[Submit a TTA Resource](#)

[Submit a Template or Sample Document](#)



Go to <https://www.healthcenterinfo.org/priority-topics/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine-distribution/>



Value-Based Care and PCMH



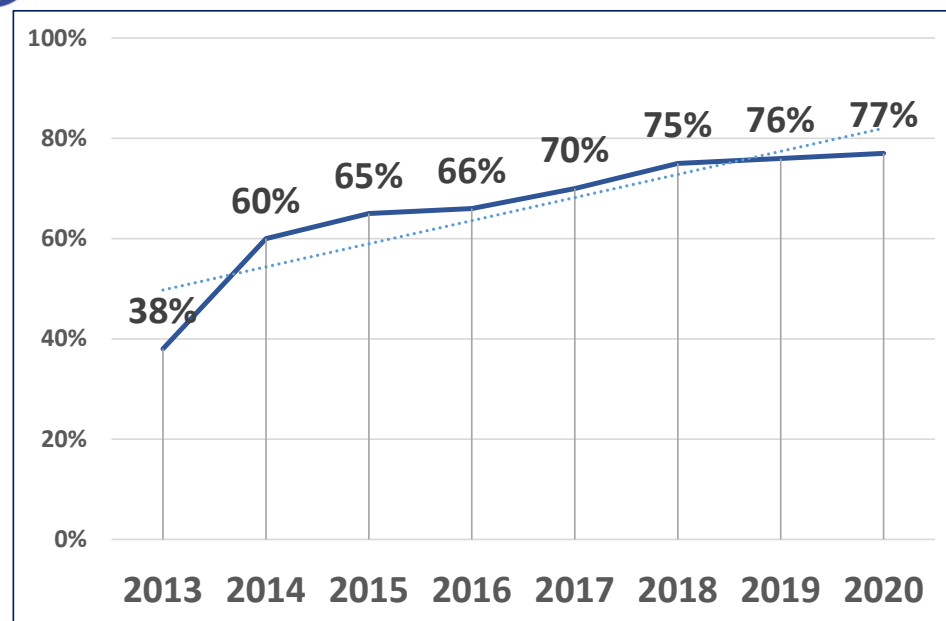
PCMH transformation is critical to advance **value-based care systems**



Source: Journal of Primary Care and Community Health



↑ #PCMH Health Centers from **38% in 2013** to **77% in 2020**



Source: HRSA Accreditation and Patient-Centered Medical Home Report, 2013-2019



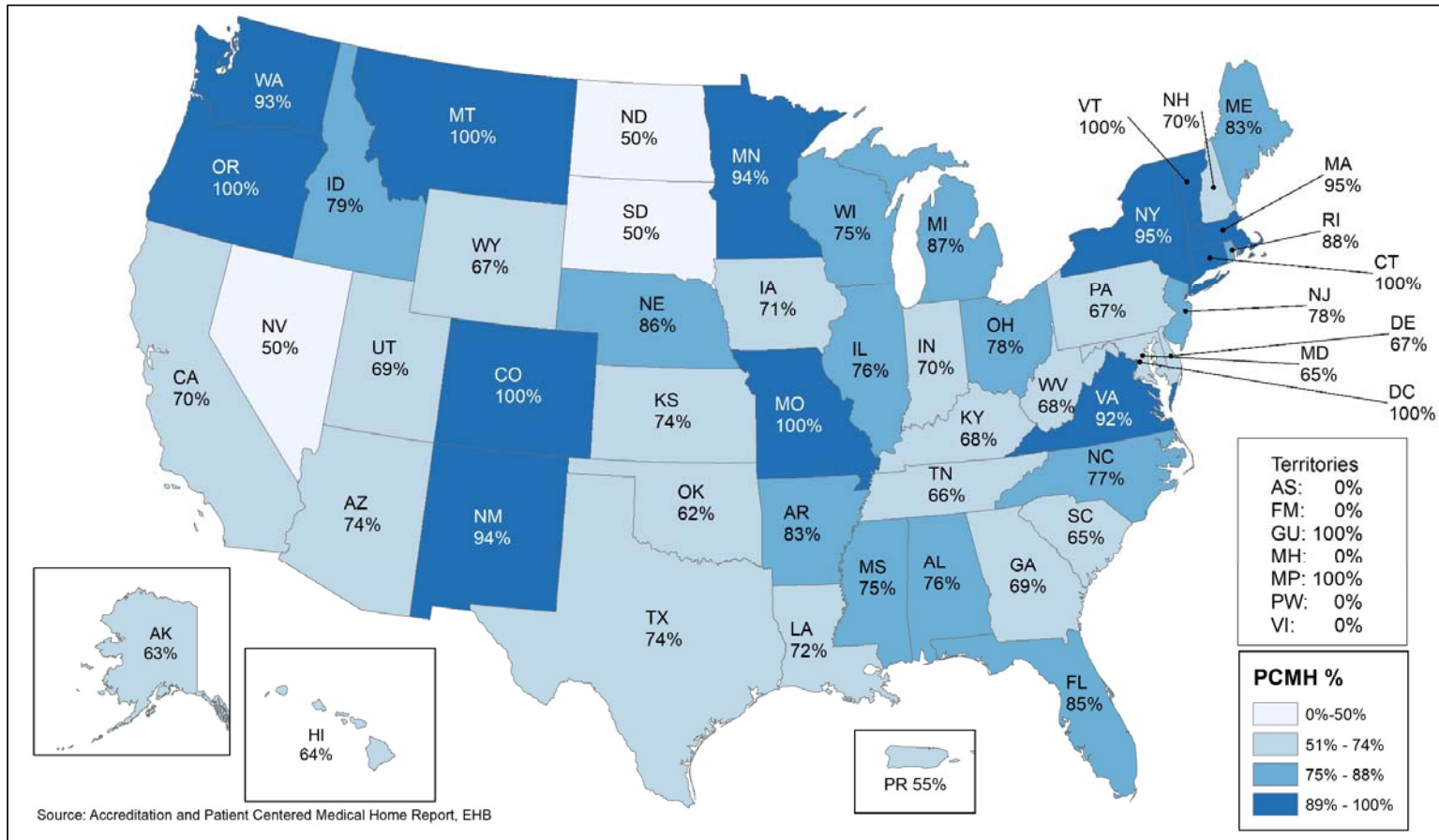
Submit your **Notice of Intent (NOI)** in EHB to seek participation in the HRSA Accreditation and PCMH Initiative

<https://bphc.hrsa.gov/qualityimprovement/clinicalquality/accreditation-pcmh/index.html>



Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Recognition in Health Centers

77% of HRSA-funded health centers have recognition as of 12/31/2020



PCMH: Trainings and Technical Assistance

NCQA	TJC	AAHC
<p>Regional Trainings: Seven Trainings in 2021: Dates TBD</p> <p>Technical Assistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Determinants of Health/Healthcare Inequities • Behavioral Health • Health Center Performance- Data Analysis (NCQA standards) • Review of NCQA recommendations to Administration 	<p>Regional Trainings: Dates TBD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focused Intracycle Monitoring (ICM) events • Focused webinar education sessions • Mock survey events <p>Technical Assistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infection Prevention • Emergency management • Performance Improvement • Environment of Care • New TJC COVID-19 Resource Portal 	<p>Regional Trainings: Two Trainings in 2021: Dates TBD</p> <p>Technical Assistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopting Telehealth in Medical Homes: May 26, 2021 • Safe Injection Practices and Vaccines in the Community Health Settings: Sept. 8, 2021



Million Hearts® 2022



Nine Health centers recognized as 2020 Million Hearts® Hypertension Control Champions:

- Chota Community Health Services (Madisonville, TN)
- La Clínica Tepeyac, Inc. (Denver, CO)
- Maple City Health Center (Goshen, IN)
- Miami Beach Community Health Center (Miami, FL)
- Northeast Missouri Health Council (Kirksville, MO)
- PrairieStar Health Center (Hutchinson, KS)
- Regional Health Care Affiliates, Inc. (Providence, KY)
- Siouxland Community Health Center (Sioux City, IA and South Sioux City, NE)
- Valley Professionals Community Health Center (Bloomington, IN and Rockville, IN)



NEW Quarterly Learning Series: Heart Health Office Hours

Are Hypertension Control Interventions that Maximize Team-based Care Effective?



Heart Health UDS Measures



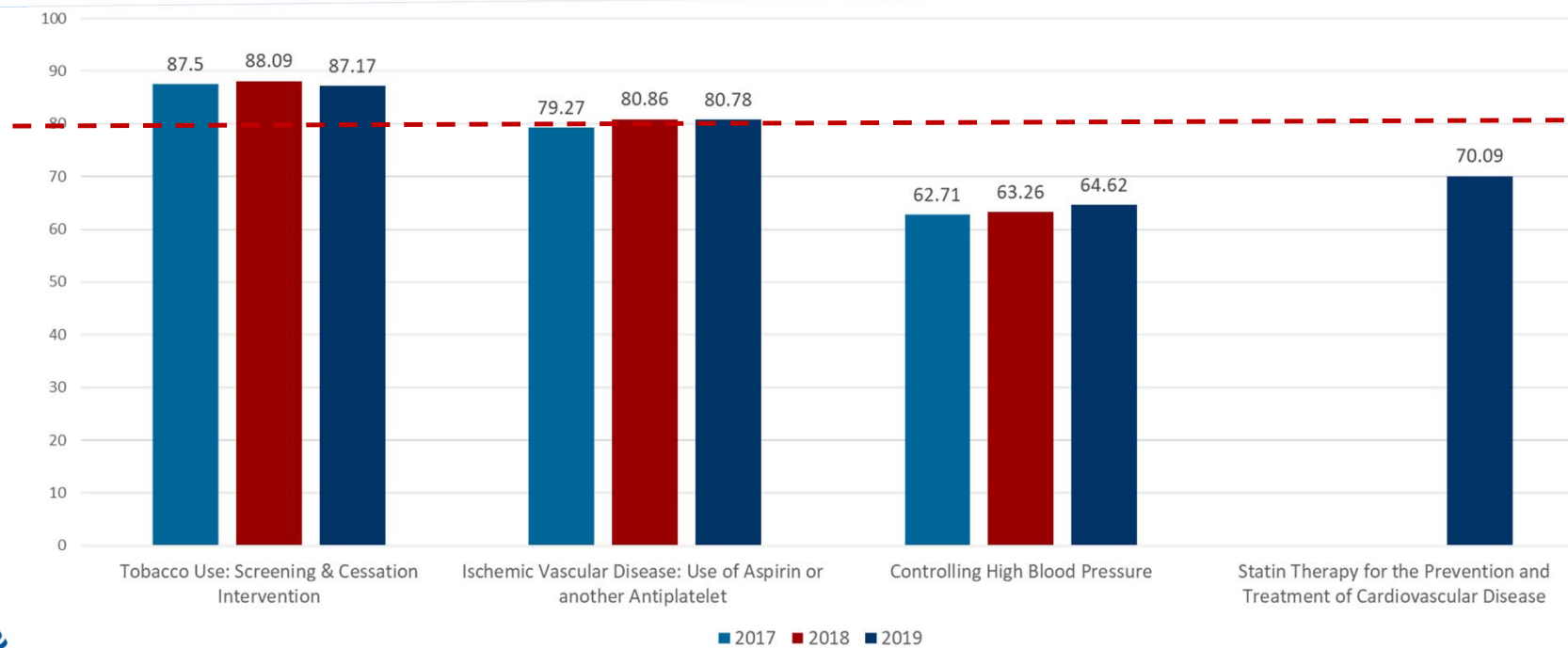
Served 882,986 Patients with heart disease



Served 4.8 million adult patients with hypertension



64% of hypertensive patients had controlled blood pressure



Source: Uniform Data System 2017, 2018, 2019 – Tables 6A, 6B, 7



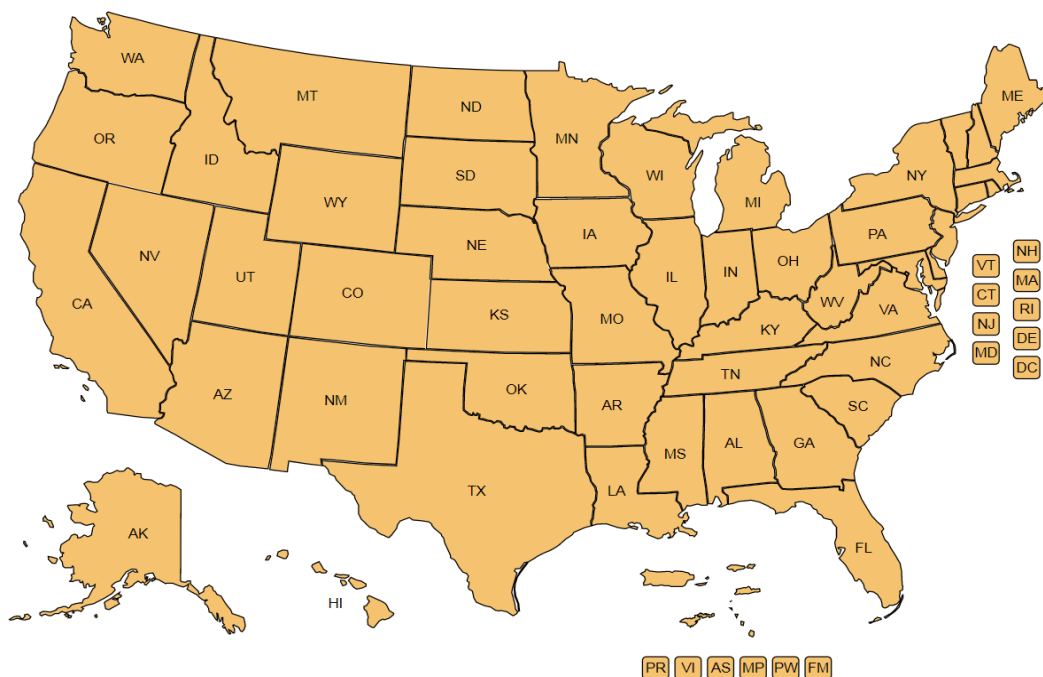
National Hypertension Control Initiative



Served at least 100 patients 18 to 85 years of age who have been diagnosed with hypertension



Achieved blood pressure control in less than 58.9 percent of patients 18 to 85 years of age who have been diagnosed with hypertension



HRSA awarded nearly \$90 million for 496 awards in 48 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Palau, and Federated States of Micronesia

3-year funding received up front for NHCI-HC activities through the end of the FY 2023 H80 budget period

Partnership with HHS Office of Minority Health, and the American Heart Association



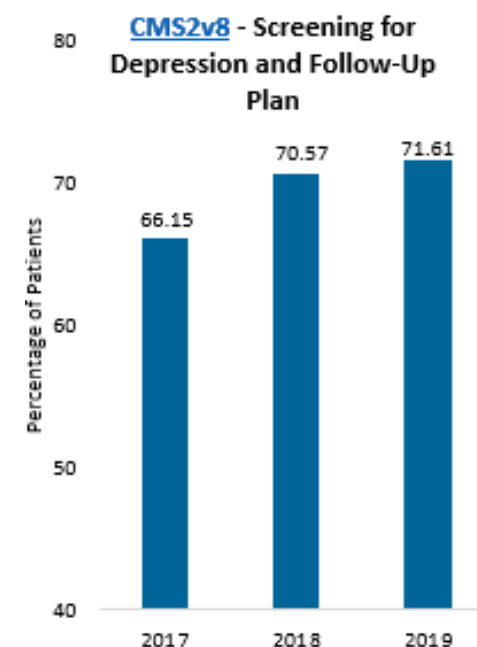
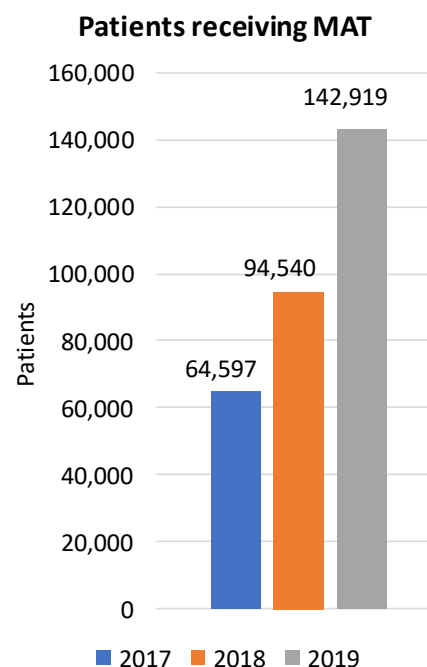
Behavioral Health Services

Health Center Program Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Depression Screening Services 2017-2019

Over 1.8 Million SUD Clinic Visits

325,732 Patients receiving SUD Services

121% Increase in the number of patients receiving MAT services



Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) Resources: [HRSA SUD and Primary Care Integration Webpage](#)



Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) Resources

T/TA Resources

[The Health Center Program Care Integration of Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder Services Technical Assistance](#)

[UCSF National Clinician Consultation Center's Substance Use Warmline](#)

Clinician-to-clinician expert consultation M-F, 9 am-8 pm ET by phone at 855.300.3595, or by submitting patient cases online.

[HRSA SUD and Primary Care Integration Webpage](#)

Upcoming Webinars

Social Determinants of Health and Addressing Health Disparities in Integrated Care Settings

April 7, 2021, 3:00–4:00 p.m. EST

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gidstu1QRfGspYk8hZtQ1A

Implementing Depression Screening in a Primary Care Setting

May 5, 2021, 3:00–4:00 p.m. EST

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wlDnh513T8uUMYxdjKaJcg

Webinar participants are eligible to receive Continuing Education Credits

Health Centers are encouraged to register for new T/TA opportunities at:

<https://bphc-ta.jbsinternational.com/>



HIV Care Integration

Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE)

- Primary Care HIV Prevention (PCHP) Supplemental Funding FY 21
 - Approximately 175 competitive awards
 - \$275,000 per year, for two years
- Upcoming Trainings:
 - April 22nd, Sexual Health in Primary Health Care Settings



↑ HIV testing by 57% to over 2 million patients



87.21% of HIV patients were linked to care within 30 days in 2019



↑ 2.35% HIV+ patients served during 671,020 visits

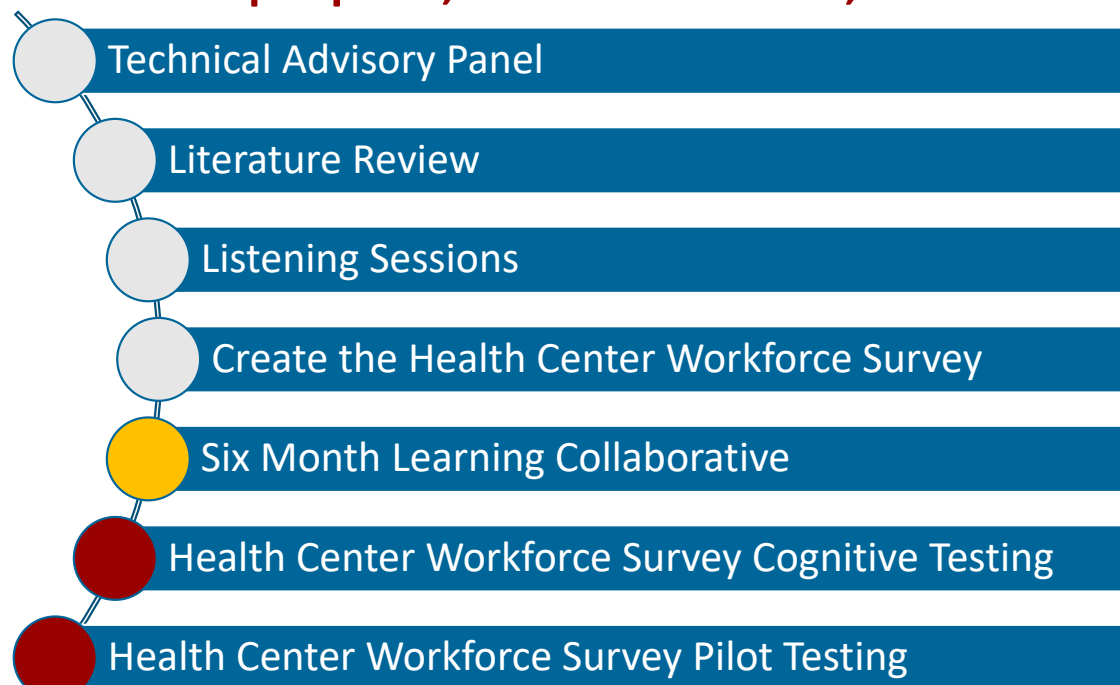
HRSA HIV and Health Centers Webpage:

<https://bphc.hrsa.gov/qualityimprovement/clinicalquality/hivprimarycare.html>



Workforce Well-Being Initiative

Phase I | Sept 30, 2019 – December, 2021



Phase II | Sept 2021 – Sept 2023

- Administer the Health Center Workforce Survey
- Collect Survey Data
- Analyze and Prepare Data Analysis Reports
- Use Survey Findings to Implement Training and Technical Assistance Strategies



Workforce Health Professional Education & Training (HP-ET): Readiness to Train Assessment Update

HP-ET Goal

- To enhance health centers' capabilities to recruit, develop, and retain their workforce by exposing health and allied health professions students, trainees, and residents to education and training programs at health centers.

Readiness to Train Assessment (RTAT™) Progress as of February 28, 2021

- Approximately 8,500 individual responses from over 1000 responding health centers. This represents over 67% of health centers nationally.

Next Steps

- PCA workforce staff will use the initial RTAT results to provide T/TA to health centers to assess and improve their readiness to engage in health professional education & training, and provide T/TA to health centers to develop and implement strategic workforce plans.



2021 UDS Reporting Instruction Updates

TABLE 6A

- Revised with the latest testing and diagnostic codes for COVID-19
- Updated Table 6A with a line for COVID-19 vaccine (removed COVID-19 vaccine question from Appendix E)

TABLE 6B

- Cervical Cancer Screening Measure: Cervical cytology was removed for women age 30 years+ (co-testing requirement removed)
- Tobacco Screening & Cessation Measure: numerator changed from within 24 months to within 12 months
- Tables 6B and 7 were updated to align with the latest CMS electronic-specified clinical quality measures (eCQMs)

TABLE 9E

- Changed Line 1o from HEROES/HEALS COVID to American Rescue Plan

APPENDIX E: OTHER DATA ELEMENTS

- Specific language for the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 was removed

[Access the 2021
Program Assistance
Letter online!](#)



Accelerating Quality Improvement and Innovation

Quality Improvement
Investments and
Support (e.g., PCMH,
HIT infrastructure)

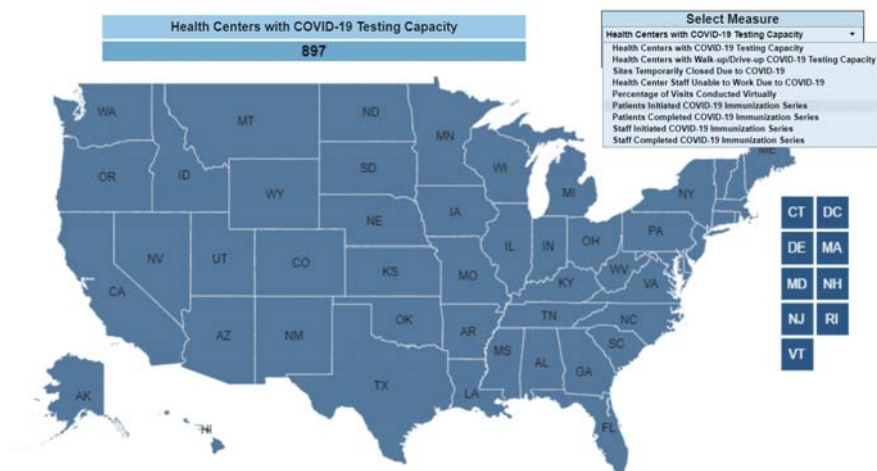
Quality Improvement
Awards and Recognition

Advancing Quality
Improvement and
Health Equity through
Innovation

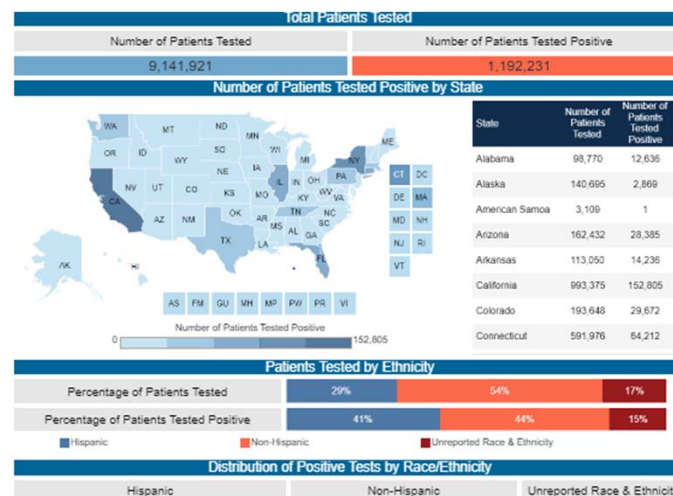


Health Center COVID-19 Dashboards

Health Center COVID-19 Survey Operational Capacity Dashboard: impact on health center operations, patients, and health center staff.



Health Center COVID-19 Testing Dashboard: total tests, total positive tests, distribution by race/ethnicity.



NEW: Two dashboards featuring health center vaccine data.

See these dashboards and others at: <https://data.hrsa.gov/data/dashboards>



Health Center Research

BPHC Health Center Library

Features peer-reviewed articles that focus on health center quality improvement, access to health care, and cost efficiency.

Recent Article Topics

- Telehealth use trends
- Substance use disorder capacity and service delivery
- Clinical quality performance, staffing capacity differences between urban, rural health centers

Health Center Library

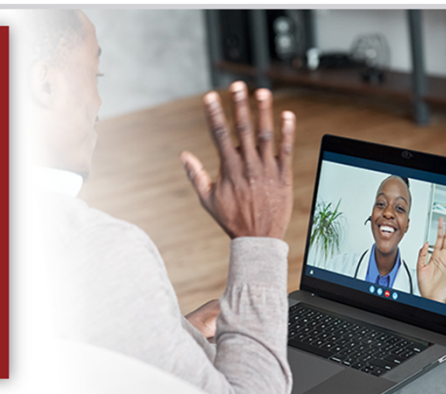
Search peer-reviewed articles related to the Health Center Program, including those presented by HRSA authors and partner agencies, in three areas: Health Care Access, Quality, and Cost.

Contact: Email hclibrary@hrsa.gov to connect with the HRSA BPHC Health Center Library Team.

Trends in Use of Telehealth Among Health Centers During the COVID-19 Pandemic — United States, June 26-November 6, 2020

Learn about trends in HRSA-funded health centers' telehealth use, including by region and urban/rural areas in a newly published Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.

[READ ARTICLE](#)



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 - Includes many technical assistance (TA) resources
- Weekly E-Newsletter: *Primary Health Care Digest*
 - Sign up online to receive up-to-date information
- Health Center Program Support:
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 - HRSA Electronic Handbooks (EHBs) questions/issues
 - FTCA inquiries
- National Cooperative Agreements and Primary Care Associations:
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