



Health Center Quality Improvement Awards

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Overview



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- Technical Assistance Resources

Improve the health of the Nation's underserved communities and vulnerable populations by assuring access to comprehensive, culturally competent, quality primary health care services





Primary Health Care Goals



- Increase access to primary health care services for underserved populations
- Modernize the primary health care safety net infrastructure and delivery system
- Improve health outcomes for patients
- Promote a performance-driven and innovative organizational culture



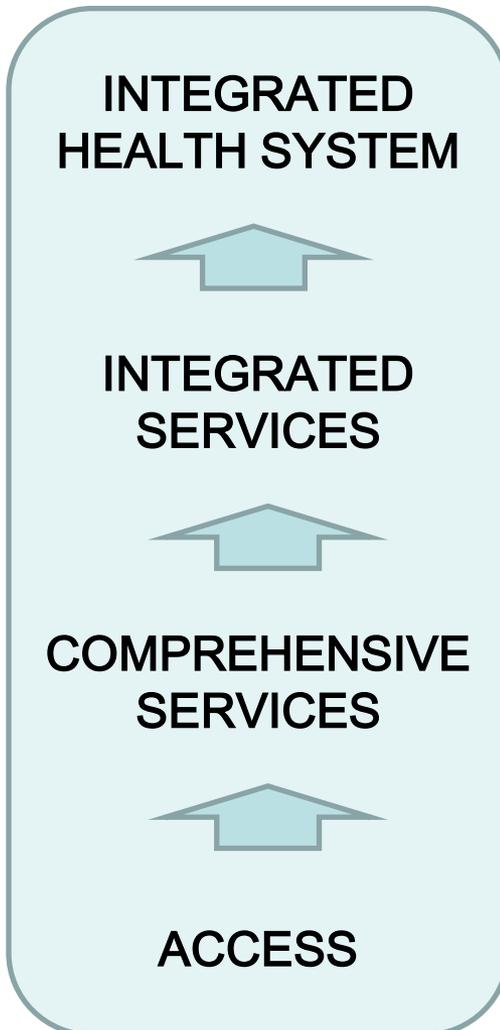
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Improve Outcomes - Quality Strategy



Better Care • Healthy People & Communities • Affordable Care

Priorities & Goals



1. Implementation of QA/QI Systems
Health Centers fully implement their QA/QI plans
2. Adoption and Meaningful Use of EHRs
Health Centers implement EHRs across all sites & providers
3. Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition
Health Centers receive PCMH recognition
4. Improving Clinical Outcomes
Health Centers meet/exceed HP2020 goals on at least one UDS clinical measure
5. Workforce/Team-Based Care
Health Centers are employers/providers of choice and support team-based care

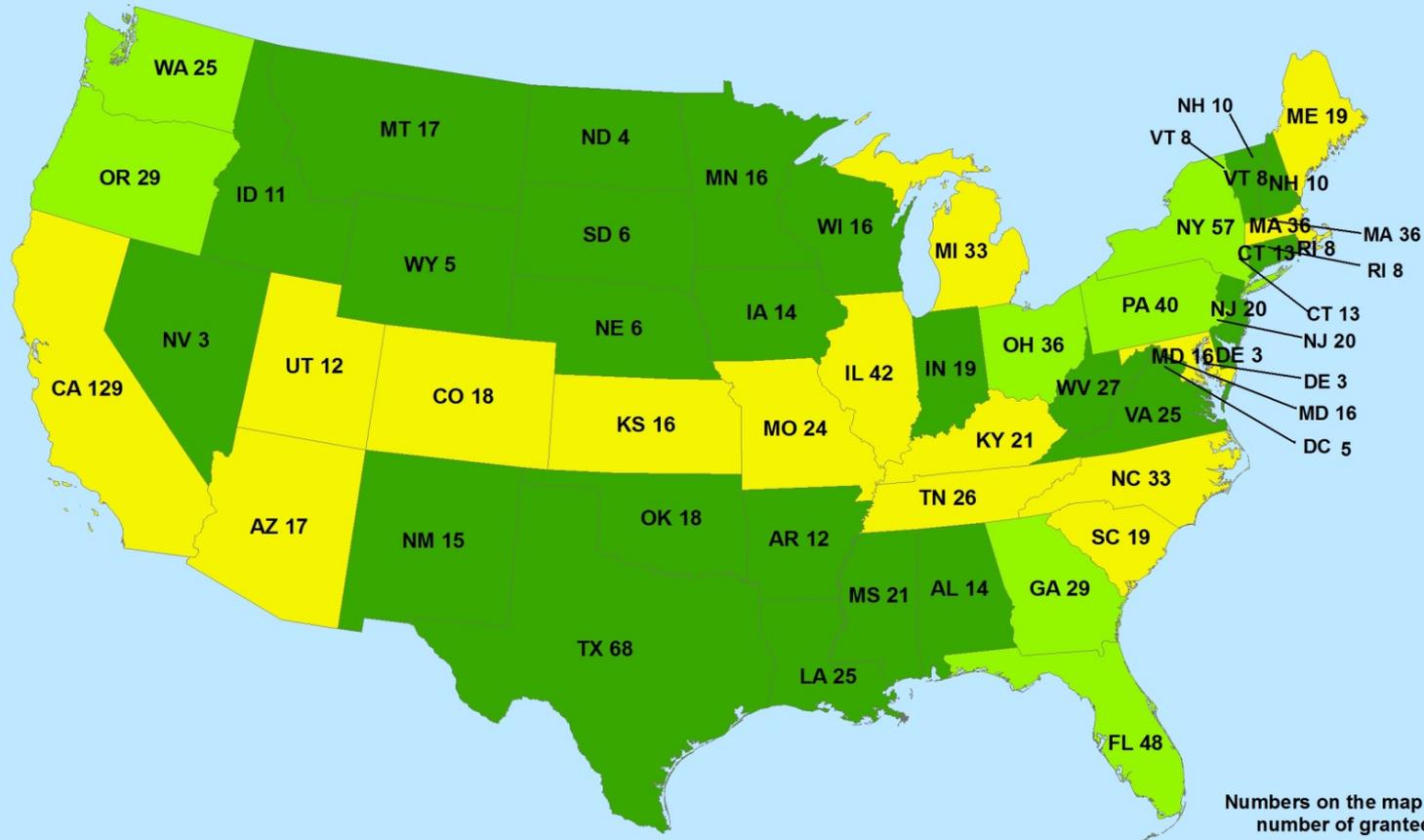


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Modernize Care – EHR Adoption 2013



EHR Adoption at All or Some Sites: 2013 UDS

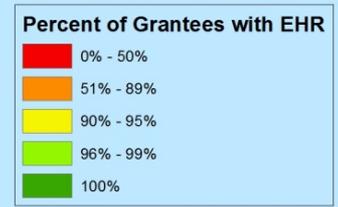


Pacific Islands

American Samoa	1
Guam	1
Marshall Islands	1
Micronesia	2
Republic of Palau	1



Numbers on the map represent the number of grantees in states



Data Source: UDS 2013
 Created by: HRSA Bureau of Primary Health Care
 Date: July 2014



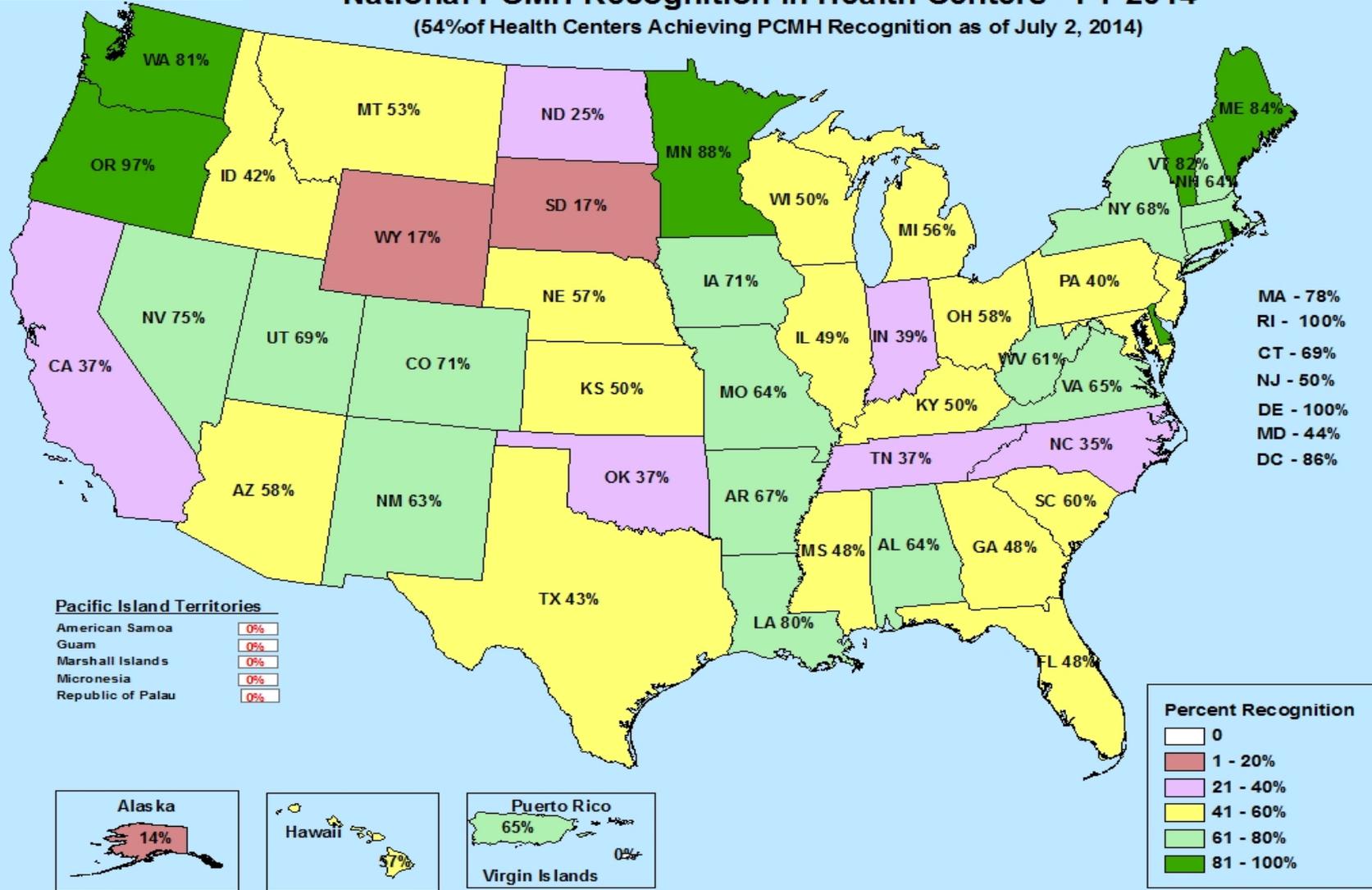
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Modernize Care – PCMH Recognition



National PCMH Recognition in Health Centers - FY 2014

(54% of Health Centers Achieving PCMH Recognition as of July 2, 2014)





Quality Improvement Awards Background



- Pay for performance is a broad term used to describe initiatives aimed at improving the quality, efficiency, and overall value of health care while also rewarding providers and systems financially
- Multiple incentive types are included in the Quality Improvement Awards
- Methodology developed with disparities in mind and a goal of further reducing health disparities among health center patients



Quality Improvement Awards Goals



- Improve health center clinical quality
- Improve patient health outcomes
- Recognize efforts at building systems and processes that support ongoing quality improvement and practice redesign



Quality Improvement Awards Summary



- Funding available in 4 award categories:
 1. EHR Reporters
 2. Clinical Quality Improvers
 3. Health Center Quality Leaders
 4. National Quality Leaders
- Based on 2012 and 2013 UDS data



Building Blocks of Clinical Quality





EHR Reporters



Data Source	Criterion	Award
2013 UDS	Used EHRs to report clinical quality measure data on all of their patients	\$15,000 per health center



Clinical Quality Improvers



Data Source	Criterion	Award
2012 and 2013 UDS	10% or greater improvement on clinical quality measures from 2012 to 2013	\$2,500 for each clinical measure improved plus \$0.50 per patient

Note: Childhood immunizations and cervical cancer screening measures are not included due to definition changes from 2012 to 2013



Health Center Quality Leaders



Data Source	Criterion	Award
2013 UDS	The top 30% of all health centers who achieved the best overall clinical outcomes	\$15,000-\$25,000 base award plus \$0.50 per patient

Note: Based on average adjusted quartile ranking



Health Center Quality Leaders Base Awards



Top 30% Health Centers	Base Award	Per patient
1 – 9.9%	\$25,000	\$0.50
10 – 19.9%	\$20,000	\$0.50
20 – 30.0%	\$15,000	\$0.50



National Quality Leaders



Data Source	Criterion	Award
2013 UDS	Meeting or exceeding clinical benchmarks for: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Chronic Disease Management2. Preventive Care3. Perinatal/Prenatal Care	\$25,000 base award plus \$0.50 per patient

Note: Tobacco screening and tobacco cessation intervention measures are not included because 94-95% of health centers are already meeting national benchmarks.



National Quality Leaders Chronic Disease Management



Chronic Disease Management

- Diabetes control > 84%
- Appropriate asthma treatment > 78%
- Hypertension control > 61%
- CAD and lipid therapy > 75%
- IVD and aspirin therapy > 75%



National Quality Leaders Preventive Care



Preventive Care

- Adult weight screening > 53%
- Child/adolescent weight screening > 52%
- Cervical cancer screening > 58%
- Colorectal cancer screening > 33%
- Childhood immunizations > 80%



National Quality Leaders Perinatal/Prenatal Care



Perinatal/Prenatal Care

- Early entry into prenatal care > 78%
- Low birth weight < 8%



Award Information



Summary of Funding



- HRSA awarded approximately \$36.3 million to 1,113 health centers in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and 7 U.S. Territories

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2014pres/12/20141209b.html>

- Health centers received funding in the 4 categories as follows:
 - EHR Reporters: 332
 - Clinical Quality Improvers: 1,058
 - Health Center Quality Leaders: 361
 - National Quality Leaders: 57



QIA Eligibility



- Health centers that submitted their 2013 UDS were potentially eligible for the QIA funding.
- Health centers were not considered for funding if their health center grant (H80) was discontinued or relinquished.



Quality Improvement Award Term on Notice of Award



Term – Use of Funds



The Quality Improvement Award provides one-time funding for use during the period of December 1, 2014 through November 30, 2015.

QIA funding must be used:

- Within 12 months of receipt of funds to support quality improvement activities.
- Consistent with federal cost principles at 2 CFR Part 230.



Term – Use of Funds Restrictions



Quality Improvement Award funding may **not** be used:

- For costs unallowable under the H80 grant.
- To supplant existing resources.
- To support bonuses or other staff incentives.
- For moveable equipment individually valued at \$5,000 or greater (except equipment related to HIT and certified EHR systems).
- For construction costs (including minor alterations and renovation and fixed equipment).



Term – Activities



Funds must be used for quality improvement activities, which include but are not limited to:

- Developing and improving health center quality improvement systems and infrastructure:
 - training staff
 - developing policies and procedures
 - enhancing health information technology, certified electronic health record, and data systems
 - data analysis
 - implementing targeted quality improvement activities



Term – Activities continued



- Developing and improving care delivery systems:
 - supplies to support care coordination, case management, and medication management
 - developing contracts and formal agreements with other providers
 - laboratory reporting and tracking
 - training and workflow redesign to support team-based care
 - clinical integration of behavioral health, oral health, HIV care, and other services
 - patient engagement activities



Term – Carryover & Reporting



If Quality Improvement Award funds are not expended in the current budget period, the grantee must submit a prior approval request to carryover the remaining funds to the next budget period.

Grantees must describe quality improvement activities/purchases in the FY16 SAC/BPR.



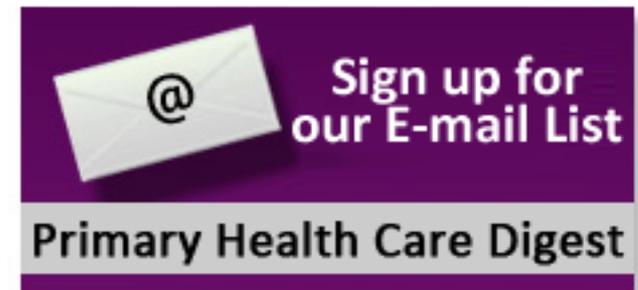
Technical Assistance Resources



Technical Assistance (TA) Resources



- National and state-based support for training and technical assistance:
 - National Cooperative Agreements
 - State/Regional Primary Care Associations
 - State Primary Care Offices
- Health Center Controlled Networks
- Federal TA Support:
 - Project Officer
 - TA Calls/Trainings
 - Onsite Consultant Support
 - BPHC Website



For more information visit the BPHC Website:
<http://www.bphc.hrsa.gov/technicalassistance/index.html>



For a list of FY 2015 Quality Improvement Awards recipients:
<http://www.hrsa.gov/about/news/2014tables/qualityimprovement/>

Send Quality Improvement Awards-related questions to
BPHCQI@HRSA.gov

Health Center Adjusted Quartile Ranking

Frequently Asked Questions:

<http://bphc.hrsa.gov/healthcenterdatastatistics/reporting/rankingfaq.html>



UDS Web Tools



2013 Performance Data publicly available at
<http://bphc.hrsa.gov/uds/datacenter.aspx?year=2013>

UDS Website

<http://www.hrsa.gov/data-statistics/health-center-data/index.html>

- UDS Grantee/State/National Summaries
- Health Center Trend Reports
- State and National Roll-up Reports
- Reporting and Training Resources

UDS Mapper

<http://www.udsmapper.org/>

- HRSA has developed a mapping and support tool driven primarily from data within the UDS
- Webinar trainings on using UDS Mapper functionalities available at <http://www.udsmapper.org/webinars.cfm>



Thank You