



PROGRAM ASSISTANCE LETTER

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TO: Health Center Program Look-Alikes
Primary Care Associations
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I. BACKGROUND

This Program Assistance Letter (PAL) provides information on the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) changes to data requirements for calendar year (CY) 2014 Uniform Data System (UDS), to be reported by Health Center Program look-alikes in early 2015.

The changes to the look-alike UDS reporting for CY 2014 will include Health Center Program-wide changes aligned with PAL 2014-01: Proposed Uniform Data System Changes for Calendar Year 2014, available at <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/policiesregulations/policies/pal201401.html>, and additional changes unique to look-alikes. These changes will further align look-alike and grantee reporting.

II. 2014 UDS REPORTING CHANGES

A. Changes Aligned with PAL 2014-01

Look-alikes will be required to comply with the changes outlined in PAL 2014-01, including:

1. Changes to UDS Tables 4, 6A, 6B, and 7, (details provided in table below) and
2. Electronic Health Record Capabilities and Quality Recognition.

B. Changes Unique to Look-Alikes

Look-alikes will submit the following data not previously reported:

1. Table 6A – Selected Diagnosis and Services Rendered
Report on selected diagnoses and services provided using data maintained for billing purposes.

Rationale: The diagnoses and services selected represent those that are prevalent among health center patients or which are generally regarded as key indicators of access to primary care or are of special interest to HRSA.

2. Table 9D – Patient Related Revenues
Report on managed care and retroactive payments.

Rationale: This table collects data on the health center’s charge, collection, and discount structure. Look-alikes are currently required to include data on retroactive settlements in the total collections reported in Table 9D, hence, reporting on managed care and retroactive payments would provide the health center a better picture of its charge, collection, and discount structure.

C. Summary of all 2014 Changes by UDS Table

The table below provides information on the UDS data tables and the associated change in reporting requirements. A draft of each table is available on the look-alike technical assistance page located at <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/healthcenterdatastatistics/reporting/index.html>.

UDS TABLE	2014 LOOK-ALIKE UDS CHANGE
4-SELECTED PATIENT CHARACTERISTICS	<i>Report number of public housing patients.</i>
6A-Selected Diagnoses and Services Rendered	<p><i>Report:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Data on selected diagnoses and services rendered using data maintained for billing purposes.</i> • <i>Number of patients with a first time diagnosis of HIV.</i>
6B-QUALITY OF CARE INDICATORS	<p><i>Report on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Prenatal and perinatal services for the prenatal access to care and low birth weight measures for all health center patients regardless of whether they receive services in the health center or are referred elsewhere.</i> • <i>A single measure to report on tobacco screening and cessation intervention.</i> • <i>A measure for lipid therapy.</i> • <i>A measure for new HIV cases with timely follow up, and</i> • <i>A new behavioral health measure for clinical depression screening and follow up.</i>
7-HEALTH OUTCOMES AND DISPARITIES	<p><i>Report prenatal and perinatal services for the prenatal access to care, and low birth weight measures for all health center patients regardless of whether they receive services in the health center or are referred elsewhere.</i></p> <p><i>In addition, the diabetes control measure no longer requires reporting for Hba1c levels less than 7.</i></p>
9D-PATIENT RELATED REVENUES	<i>Report on managed care and retroactive payments in addition to the data currently reported.</i>

UDS TABLE	2014 LOOK-ALIKE UDS CHANGE
ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS CAPABILITIES AND QUALITY RECOGNITION	<i>The questions on electronic health records capabilities and quality recognition through PCMH accreditation have been revised and streamlined to capture essential information with reduced reporting burden.</i>

III. CONTACTS AND RESOURCES

For questions regarding the changes to the CY 2014 UDS for look-alikes, please contact the Office of Policy and Program Development at lookalike@hrsa.gov or 301-594-4300.

Technical assistance resources to assist look-alikes collect and submit their UDS data are available on HRSA's website at <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/healthcenterdatastatistics/reporting/index.html>.