

HRSA Health Center Program Quality Leader Recognition

Overview

As part of HRSA's commitment to recognize clinical quality, HRSA is issuing Health Center Quality Certificates to the 47 health centers that achieved National Quality Leader recognition and the 393 health centers that achieved Health Center Quality Leader recognition.

Quality Leader recognition is based on HRSA's August 2017 awards of nearly \$105 million to 1,333 health centers as an investment in quality improvement, building on 2016 achievements. Organizations received these funds based upon high levels of performance indicated in clinical and financial information submitted to the HRSA Health Center Program Uniform Data System (UDS) for calendar year 2016.



National Quality Leader Recognition



[National Quality Leaders](#) exceeded national clinical quality benchmarks, Healthy People 2020 goals, or other critical thresholds above the health center national averages in:

1. Chronic Disease Management,
2. Preventive Care, and/or
3. Perinatal/Prenatal Care

Health Center Quality Leader Recognition



[Health Center Quality Leaders](#) were among the top 30% of all HRSA-supported health centers that achieved the best overall clinical outcomes, demonstrating high-quality across their clinical operations. Benchmarks were determined by mathematically adjusting for certain health center characteristics facilitating comparisons across health centers, and sorting health centers into quartiles for each clinical quality measure. Health centers are assigned a quartile ranking for each of [several critical clinical quality measures](#), based on their performance. These rankings are then averaged together to create an Average Quartile Ranking (AQR). Health centers that ranked in the top decile (top 30% of average quartile rankings) are awarded Health Center Quality Leader recognition.