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Bureau of Primary Health Care Program Updates

April 30, 2026

Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People



Health Center Program Updates

AGENDA

- April Observances
- Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Updates
- HCCN Forum Recap
- National Nurses Week
- Hepatitis C Point of Care Testing
- OSV Updates
- Arizona Alliance for Community Health Centers Annual Conference Recap
- Funding and Policy Updates
- Bureau Updates
- Mark Your Calendar
- Q&A



April Observances

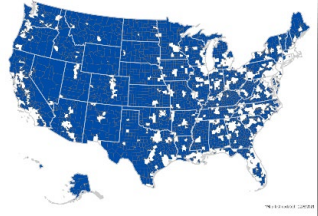


NATIONAL
**PUBLIC
HEALTH**
WEEK



Rural Health Update

The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy



Rural Voice
in the Policy
Process

Capacity
Building
Grants

Cross Agency
Collaboration

- **Key Focus Areas in 2026**

- Supporting Rural Hospitals and Rural Clinics
 - ✓ Targeted, Intensive Financial, Operational and Clinical Technical Assistance
 - ✓ Supporting Integrated Rural Health Networks

- **Scheduled Funding Notices**

- [Rural Health Network Advancement Programs](#)
- [Delta Rural Integrated Health Networks](#)
- Rural Northern Border Region Network Planning Program
- [Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Planning](#)
- [Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Impact](#)



RURAL HEALTH
TRANSFORMATION

Internal: HRSA-CMS Memorandum of Understanding

- Provide ongoing to Support to CMS RHTP Office
 - Monthly Calls
 - Sharing of Subject Matter Expertise
 - Project Officer Mentoring Initiative
 - Leveraging NOSLO on HRSA-Centric Topics

External

- Partnering with State Associations Advising States (NGA, NCSL, NOSORH, NAMD, ASTHO, NASHP)

Contact: ruralpolicy@hrsa.gov



HCCN Forum: Purpose and Highlights

Strengthen collaboration and align with federal priorities across HRSA, HHS Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

Forum Focus Areas:

- Addressing **upstream drivers of health** and prevention
- Integrating **primary care and behavioral health systems**
- Expanding **technology and AI in care delivery**
- Advancing **interoperability (FHIR)**
- Strengthening **health IT workforce capacity**
- Supporting **population health through multi-system data integration**



HCCN Forum: Purpose and Highlights, cont.

ONC Priorities:

- **FHIR API-first strategy** focused on data liquidity (free flow of health information), access & affordability, and technology/AI advancement

CMS Priorities:

- Highlighted expansion of **FHIR-based APIs (patient, provider, and prior authorization)** to reduce administrative burden, with near-term focus on testing integrations ahead of full implementation requirements by 2027.



Path Forward: HCCN Actions

HCCN Effective TA models include:

- Assessment of readiness and needs
- Awareness building for AI and technology
- Governance frameworks for safe implementation
- Skill development through training and toolkits
- Ongoing support and feedback loops



Position HCCNs as implementation hubs: aggregate health center needs, standardize workflows, and deploy network-wide solutions

- Infrastructure exists through the National HCCN Leadership Team

Build cross-network collaboratives (e.g., HCCN National Collaborative) to share tools, reduce duplication, and accelerate adoption



Thank you, Nurses!



BPHC honors the compassion, resilience, and tireless commitment of our nursing workforce.

Thank you for the impact you make on healthcare.



National Nursing Survey: Add Your Voice

- Watch for a letter in the U.S. mail from the U.S. Census Bureau.
- If you work with nurses who receive the survey, please encourage them to complete it.

Hepatitis C (HCV) Point of Care Testing

HCV Management: Point of Care Testing and Introduction of an HCV Telehealth Toolkit Webinar

- Discover how Point of Care (POC) Testing offers quick, accurate results that enable timely, informed decisions for patient care.
- Explore the effectiveness of POC testing, practical uses, cost factors, mobile testing implementation, and insights on how rapid diagnostics impact patient care and outcomes.

Monday, May 4

1 – 2:00 p.m. ET

[Register for the session](#)

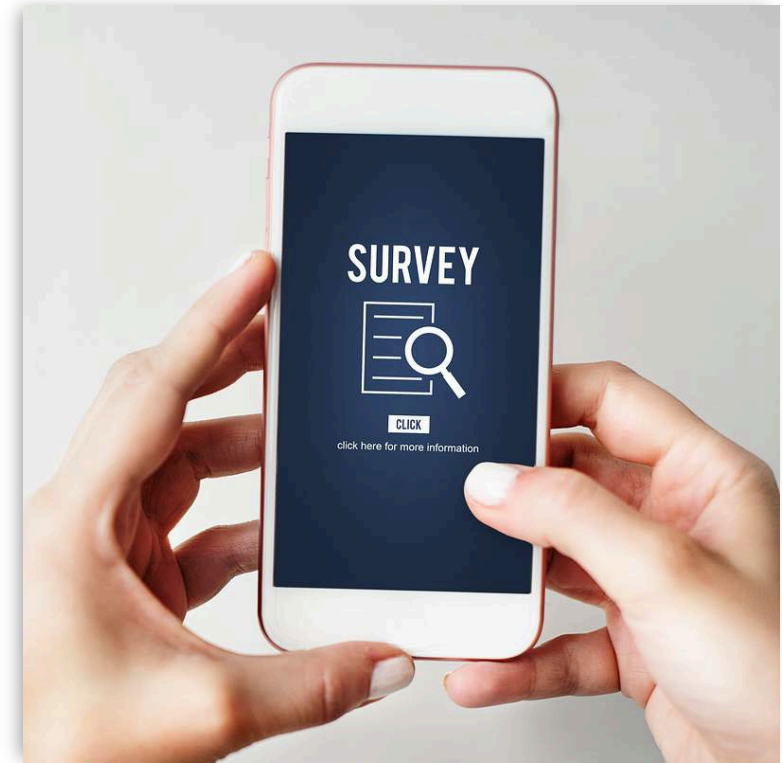


Assessment of Hepatitis C Testing and Treatment Practices in Health Centers

COMING SOON!

- Only 16 questions!
- Share how your Health Center approaches HCV screening
- Highlight strategies that improve testing uptake
- Identify barriers that affect treatment success
- Show how patients are connected to HCV treatment
- Help shape future technical assistance and resources

A collaboration between CDC's Division of Viral Hepatitis (DVH) and HRSA's Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC).



2026 Arizona Alliance for Community Health Centers Annual Conference



Operational Site Visit (OSV) Pilot Update

One Day OSV

Two Day OSV

**10 health center
participants**

**Pre-site visit
activities will start
May 2026**

**Pilot OSVs will
launch July
through
September 2026**



Operational Site Visit Resources

- [Health Center Program Compliance Manual](#)
- [Health Center Program Site Visit Protocol](#)
- [HRSA Site Visit Resources](#)
- [BPHC Contact Form](#) → Program Monitoring → OSV/TA









Single Audit Requirements

- **2 CFR 200.501(a)** – "\$1,000,000 or more ... must have a single or program-specific audit" for fiscal years starting on or after October 1, 2024.
- **45 CFR 75.501(a)** – "\$750,000 or more ... must have a single or program-specific audit" for fiscal years starting on or before September 30, 2024.
- **If recipients do not have their Single Audits performed and submit the related reports to the FAC within the required timeframe, they may be subject to further actions, including:**
 - Drawdown restriction
 - Reimbursable drawdown restriction
 - Withholding a percentage of federal funds
 - Suspending federal funds
 - Termination of grant(s)



Performance Period Shifts

Based on your project period start date (Line 26 in your NoA), you will:

— IN FY 2027 —	
<p>— Receive 1-Year Extension —</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jan 1, 2024• Feb 1, 2024• May 1, 2024• June 1, 2024	<p>— Submit FY27 SAC Application —</p>   <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jan 1, 2023• Feb 1, 2023• Mar 1, 2024• Apr 1, 2024
— IN FY 2028 —	
<p>— Receive 1-Year Extension —</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jan 1, 2025• Feb 1, 2025• Apr 1, 2025• May 1, 2025• June 1, 2025	<p>— Submit FY28 SAC Application —</p>   <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jan 1, 2024• Feb 1, 2024• May 1, 2024• June 1, 2024• Mar 1, 2025

Questions? Please reach out through the [BPHC Contact Form](#).

Under **Notice of Funding Opportunities**, select **Service Area Competition**



Program Funding Updates

Open Opportunity

FY 2026 Expanding Nutrition Services

- \$125 million for approximately 357 awards
- Applications due in Grants.gov on June 9

Upcoming Opportunities

FY 2026 Quality Improvement Fund - Improving Access to Dental Services for Children with Neurodevelopmental Disorders

- \$50 million for approximately 25 awards

FY 2027 Service Area Competition



Program Guidance Updates



Health Center Program Forms

[Federal Register Notice](#)



Unmet Need Score

[Unmet Needs Score \(UNS\) map tool](#)

[UNS User Guide](#)

[UNS Data Sources](#)

Updates from the Associate Administrator



Primary Health Care Budget

Primary Health Care (dollars in millions)	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027 (1 st Q)
Discretionary Budget Authority	1,858.772	1,858.772	1,858.772	
Mandatory Budget Authority	4,272.327*	4,259.673	4,600.000	1,159.452**
Total, Program Level	6,131.099*	6,118.445	6,458.772	

*Excludes approximately \$1.07 Billion in Q1 FY 2025 funding from the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 which provided FY2024/FY 2025 funding through December 31, 2024

** Subject to sequestration of approximately \$27.5 million



Mark Your Calendar

BPHC Program Updates

- Tuesday, May 19, 2 – 3 p.m. ET
- Thursday, June 18, 2 – 3 p.m. ET



Questions?



Thank You!

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Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)



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