

# WELCOME!

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# Bureau of Primary Health Care Program Updates

*Thursday May 22, 2025*

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**Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People**



# Health Center Program Updates

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# Mental Health Awareness Month

Health centers continue to meet the increased demand for mental health services. In 2023:

- Nearly 98% of health centers provided mental health services;
- Health centers reported more than 26M mental health visits

## Sign-up for technical assistance!

Reach out via the [BPHC Contact Form](#)

Under *Health Center Program*, select:

- *Accreditation and Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition (APCMH) - H80*, then
- *General inquiries*



# QIF: Increasing Access to Mental Health Care

**Mental health care is critical across Quality Improvement Fund (QIF) programs.**



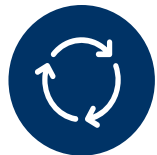
## **QIF – Optimizing Virtual Care**

- 97% of awardees used telemedicine to provide mental health services to patients.



## **QIF – Maternal Health**

- 80% of awardees incorporate mental and behavioral health care into their projects.
- 86% of awardees' prenatal patients received a depression screening and follow-up plan.



## **QIF – Transitions in Care for Justice Involved Populations**

- 94% of awardees identified mental health and substance use as a critical health need for their patients.



# 2025 UDS RAPID Series

## Reporting Assistance and Process Improvement Discussions (RAPID) Series

- **Goals:**
  - Strengthen health center understanding of Uniform Data System (UDS) electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) reporting, and
  - Build capacity to improve data collection and quality.
- **Approach:** In-depth examination of one preventive care or screening eCQM
- **Date:** June-September 2025
- **Location:** Six, 1-hour virtual sessions
- **Registration deadline:** Tuesday, May 27



Visit the [UDS RAPID webpage](#) for more information.



# FTCA Deeming Application Tips

## FTCA Friday FAQs

- **What are Friday FAQs?**

- Sent every other Friday during the deeming cycle
- Address common issues and clarify FTCA Program application requirements
- Help reduce warning letters, compliance notices, and disapprovals

- **Who Receives Them?**

- Sent via HRSA's Electronic Handbooks (EHBs) to the e-mail address provided for the following contacts:
  - ✓ CEO, FTCA Contact, Risk Manager, Credentialing & Privileging Manager, Claims Manager, QI/QA Manager

- **Take Action!**

- Check EHBs for Friday FAQ emails
- Use the guidance to strengthen your application before submission



**Applications due  
in EHBs**

**11:59 p.m. ET, Friday, June 27**



# Change in Scope (CIS) Update

Change in Scope Requests		
	2024	2025
Requests received	7,623	2,813
Health centers submitting requests	1,241	809

- **CIS Process Improvement Strategies**
  - *Interim:*
    - Focus on process for complex CIS requests
    - Evaluating existing review process
  - *Long Term:*
    - Revamp CIS request submission and review process
- **Committed to clarity, consistency, and collaboration**



# CIS Tips and Reminders

## Need to request a Change in Scope? Remember:

### Before Submission:

- Notify BPHC of your upcoming CIS request
  - BPHC Contact Form (Under “*Program Monitoring H80*” select “*Change In Scope*”)
  - Communication with your Program Specialist
- Plan for the 60-day HRSA review

### Submission Package:

- Ensure your CIS request is complete and accurate
- Include all zip codes for proposed site(s) in the UDS Data Table

### After Approval:

- Verify implementation of approved change within 120 days

***HRSA has 60 days from the time of submission to review CIS requests.***

### Resources:

- [Scope of Project webpage](#)
- [PIN 2008-01: Defining Scope of Project and Policy for Requesting Changes](#)



# Funding Updates

- **Fiscal Year 2025**
  - Balance of funds
  - Supplemental funds
- **Fiscal Year 2026**
  - Service Area Competition (SAC)
- **Award Closeouts**



# HRSA General Terms and Conditions

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HRSA grant recipients must comply with all applicable statutes, regulations, policies, and the terms and conditions included in their Notice of Award (NOA).

- This includes terms and conditions included in the [HHS Grants Policy Statement](#) (HHS GPS), recently revised with an effective date of **April 16, 2025**.
- The HHS GPS requirements apply to all BPHC recipients and subrecipients.



# Bureau Updates



# Mark Your Calendar

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## BPHC Program Updates

- Tuesday, June 24, 2 – 3 p.m. ET
- Tuesday, July 22, 2 – 3 p.m. ET

*Join Us!*



# Questions?

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# Thank You!

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