



Health Center Program Scope of Project Policy Manual and Scope System Improvements September 2026

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Scope Manual Overview

- We published the [Health Center Program Scope of Project Policy Manual](#) on August 11, 2026.
- The Scope Manual:
 - ✓ Consolidates, streamlines, and updates scope-related policies.
 - ✓ **Is effective immediately.**
 - ✓ Incorporates your feedback received during the open comment period.
- Our systems, processes, and webpages will be updated in a phased approach.
- A summary of the [comments and our responses](#) is available now.
- Stay tuned for additional resources and materials.



Scope System Improvements Overview

Scope System Improvements Program Assistance Letter (PAL) - Released 8/14

Change in Scope (CIS): System Improvements



Simply the CIS Request Process

- ✓ Reduce administrative burden
- ✓ Make requests easier to prepare and submit
- ✓ Reduce requests for additional information



Strengthen the CIS Review Process

- ✓ Streamline review workflows
- ✓ Support more consistent and timely reviews
- ✓ Modernize internal review processes

~48% | Anticipated overall reduction in scope actions



System Notice

CIS Module Schedule



Closes: October 20



Reopens: November 20

Why is the Scope Manual Important?

- **Modernizes:** Consolidates all scope of project policy into one document, incorporates updated grant regulations, aligns with Compliance Manual
- **Strengthens Programmatic Oversight:** Provides health centers with greater transparency and clarity and supports consistent and rapid decision making.
- **Ensures Accountability:** Improves HRSA's ability to hold health centers accountable to comply with program requirements and to use funds correctly.
- **Simplifies:** Reduces administrative burden by removing outdated forms and requirements. Allows health centers more autonomy in certain processes.



Thank You!

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