FY 2021 National Hypertension Control Initiative Supplemental Funding for Health Centers (NHCI-HC)

Question and Answer Session

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National Hypertension Control Initiative
National Hypertension Control Initiative
Addressing Disparities Among Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations
HRSA’s Role in HTN Initiative

$60 Million

Provider & Staff Training
Outreach & Integration
Evaluation & Management
Patient & Public Education
T & TA
Hypertension Overview
Impact to Health Center Patients

**Patients**
- 4.8 million adult patients diagnosed with hypertension
- 57.7% of whom identify as a racial and/or ethnic minority

**Uncontrolled Hypertension Risks**
- Stroke
- Heart Failure
- Kidney Disease
- Vision Loss
- Sexual Dysfunction
- Increased Risk of Severe Illness from COVID-19
Self-Measured Blood Pressure

- Benefits of self-measured blood pressure (SMBP) + clinical support
  - Helps lower blood pressure
  - Improves access to care
  - Makes blood pressure control more convenient and accessible
- Bluetooth and wireless enabled devices
  - Real-time, convenient transmission
  - 50% more accurate
  - EHRs support remote patient monitoring (RPM), including data extraction
NHCI-HC Funding Overview
Notification Email via EHBs

An email to H80 award project director, business official, and authorizing official:

- Link to NHCI-HC technical assistance webpage
- Maximum request amount broken down by sub-program (i.e., CHC, HCH, MHC, PHPC)
- Link to EHBs submission module
- Contact information for submission assistance
- Submission deadline
Health centers will:

**Increase provider and staff engagement** in implementing evidence-based practices, including advanced **self-measured blood pressure technology**, to **increase controlled hypertension**.
3-Year Funding

$60 Million

• January 2021 through the end of your FY 2023 H80 budget period
• One award will provide total funding
• Funding may be used for NHCI-HC activities over a 3-year period
Funding Formula

\[ \text{NHCI-HC} = \$90,000 + \$60 \text{ per adult patient with uncontrolled hypertension} \]

(2019 UDS data)
Requirements

You must address all 4 requirements

Fully participate in T/TA activities offered in support of NHCI-HC award

Ensure access to and support use of Bluetooth or wireless-enabled SMBP devices for a majority of patients with hypertension, and use their data to inform hypertension treatment plans

Conduct outreach and engage patients with uncontrolled hypertension to participate in the HTN Initiative

Collect and share data to support participation in initiative evaluation and reporting activities
Example Allowed Costs

**Personnel**
Health information technology (health IT) staff; patient educator; project manager; quality improvement staff; clinical and other support staff

**Training**
Adopt new workflows that follow clinical guidelines; use of RPM; teach patients to use SMBP devices

**Supplies**
SMBP devices; outreach materials; digital platforms and tools to support SMBP use and integration into EHRs

**Equipment**
Servers, EHR purchase or upgrade ($150,000 maximum across all 3 years)

**Health IT**
Information technology to support data security and data privacy; broadband data

**SMBP devices must be available for the majority of patients with hypertension**
Remote Patient Monitoring Resources

- HTN Initiative T/TA provider
  - National experience using digital platforms to support the use of SMBP devices
- Million Hearts® 2022
- ONC Health IT and ONC Patient Engagement Playbooks
- HRSA strategic partners
  - Health Information Technology Training and Technical Assistance Center (HITEQ)
  - Health Center Controlled Networks
  - Telehealth Resource Centers
- FCC Lifeline subsidy program
Ineligible Costs

- Costs supported by other Health Center Program funds
- New construction activities, including additions or expansions
- Purchase or upgrade of EHRs not ONC certified
- Facility or land purchases; purchase or installation of trailers and pre-fabricated modular units
- Minor alteration or renovation (A/R) projects
- Mobile units, vehicles to transport patients or health center personnel
Submission Components and Guidance
Submission Forms and Attachments

**Must submit:**
- Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs Form (SF-424A)
  - Project Description *(blank)*
  - Project Narrative *(blank)*
  - Budget Narrative
- Project Overview Form
- Project Plan Form

**Submit as appropriate:**
- Equipment List Forms for years 1, 2, and/or 3
- Attachments:
  - New or renegotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement
  - Other documents (up to 5)
• **Section A – Budget Summary**
  ▪ Request federal funds in the same sub-program funding proportions as your existing H80 grant
  ▪ Total 3-year budget request

• **Section B – Budget Categories**
  ▪ Total 3-year budget request for each object class category
  ▪ Must align with the Budget Narrative

• **Section C – Non Federal Resources**
  ▪ If you will leverage other funding, include it here
  ▪ Must equal the non-federal New or Revised Budget total in Section A

• **Section D, E, and F**
  ▪ Do not complete (leave pre-populated zeros)
Budget Narrative

- Upload 1 document with the proposed federal and non-federal costs by object class category
  - List each year separately within the same document
  - Provide the total federal cost sum (aligns with the SF-424A, Section B)

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<th>Object Class Category</th>
<th>Year 1</th>
<th>Year 2</th>
<th>Year 3</th>
<th>CATEGORY TOTAL</th>
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<tr>
<td>Name</td>
<td>Position Title</td>
<td>Base Salary</td>
<td>Adjusted Annual Salary</td>
<td>FTE to Support NHCI-HC Project</td>
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<td>J. Smith</td>
<td>Physician</td>
<td>$225,000</td>
<td>$197,300</td>
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- Include direct hire and contracted personnel to be supported by NHCI-HC funds
- Adjust salaries to the current Executive Level II salary maximum of $197,300
- Provide tables for years 2 and/or 3 if there are changes
**Project Overview Form: T/TA Participation**

My health center will fully participate in future training and technical assistance (T/TA) activities offered in support of my award.

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<th>Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) Participation</th>
<th>Select One Option</th>
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<td>My health center will fully participate in future training and technical assistance (T/TA) activities offered in support of my award.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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“**Yes**” must be selected to be considered for funding
# Project Overview Form: Hypertension Metrics

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<th>Hypertension Metric</th>
<th>Requirement for Funding</th>
<th>2019 UDS Data</th>
<th>2020 Data Source</th>
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<td>Total patients 18-85 years of age with hypertension</td>
<td>≥ 100</td>
<td>[prepopulated]</td>
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<td>Percentage of patients 18-85 years of age who had a diagnosis of hypertension</td>
<td>&lt; 58.9%</td>
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<td>overlapping the measurement period and whose most recent blood pressure was</td>
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<td>adequately controlled (less than 140/90 mmHG)</td>
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If you used a patient chart sample to report 2019 UDS hypertension metric data (i.e., a “chart audit”):

• You must use your full patient chart universe to provide 2020 data to date

• You received a second email that alerts you to this requirement
**Example Project Plan Form**

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<th>ACTIVITIES</th>
<th>MILESTONES</th>
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<td>Ensure access to and support use of Bluetooth or wireless-enabled SMBP for a majority of your patients with hypertension, and use their data to inform hypertension treatment plans</td>
<td>• Purchase SMBP devices for 300 of the 400 patients with hypertension (75%).</td>
<td>(March 1, 2021) – Purchase SMBP devices – Year 1</td>
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<td>• Purchase and integrate RPM technology into the EHR.</td>
<td>(March 31, 2021) – Purchase and integrate RPM technology into the EHR – Year 1</td>
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<td>• EHR upgrade to add new clinical workflows and clinical decision supports, and facilitate information exchange in support of hypertension diagnosis and control activities.</td>
<td>(March 31, 2021) – EHR upgrade – Year 1</td>
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Equipment List Form

Total cost cannot exceed $150,000 for Year 1 + Year 2 + Year 3

Click on the year-specific tab in EHBs to add equipment items
Award Information and Resources
Award Decisions

Award Criteria

• Fully participate in T/TA offered in support of the award
• Achieved blood pressure control in less than 58.9% of patients 18 to 85 years of age who have been diagnosed with hypertension
• Served at least 100 patients 18 to 85 years of age who have been diagnosed with hypertension

Compliance Status Criteria

• H80 award must be active
• No 30-day conditions on H80 award related to Health Center Program requirement area(s)

Only health centers meeting these criteria will be funded
Progress Reporting

HRSA

• Annual UDS hypertension metrics
• Annual expenditure report
• Semi-annual progress updates

T/TA Contractor

• Additional information and progress reports as requested to support initiative evaluation and reporting activities
Technical Assistance Webpage

https://bphc.hrsa.gov/program-opportunities/national-hypertension-control-initiative
Key Dates

November 2020: Submission module available in EHBs

December 2020: Submission due in EHBs

Mid-January 2021: Approximate award date
Post-Award Monitoring & Oversight

• **Specialized Oversight Team**
  - Review and Process Post-Award Submissions
    - Semi-annual Progress Reports
    - Annual UDS Submission
    - Annual Expenditure Report
  - Maintain Routine Communications regarding Project Implementation
  - Collaborate with the HHS Office of Minority Health on Technical Assistance and Initiative Evaluation
  - Support Coordination of Hypertension Quality Improvement Efforts Across Health Center Program Partners
NHCI-HC Technical Assistance Contacts

**Submission Information**

- TA webpage

**Health Center Program Support**

Select “Application” for Issue Type
Then, “National Hypertension Control Initiative (NHCI-HC)” for issue subtype

**EHBs System Issues**

Health Center Program Support
Select “Application Systems Question” Then, “National Hypertension Control Initiative (NHCI-HC)” for issue subtype

OR
1-877-464-4772, option 2

**Business, Administrative, and Fiscal Questions**

Contact Grants Management Specialist Mona Thompson (mthompson@hrsa.gov)
Questions