



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

**Technical Assistance Webinar
June 2021**

Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People

Technical Assistance Webpage:

<https://bphc.hrsa.gov/program-opportunities/national-hypertension-control-initiative>



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NHCI-HC Award Overview



Purpose of NHCI-HC Funding

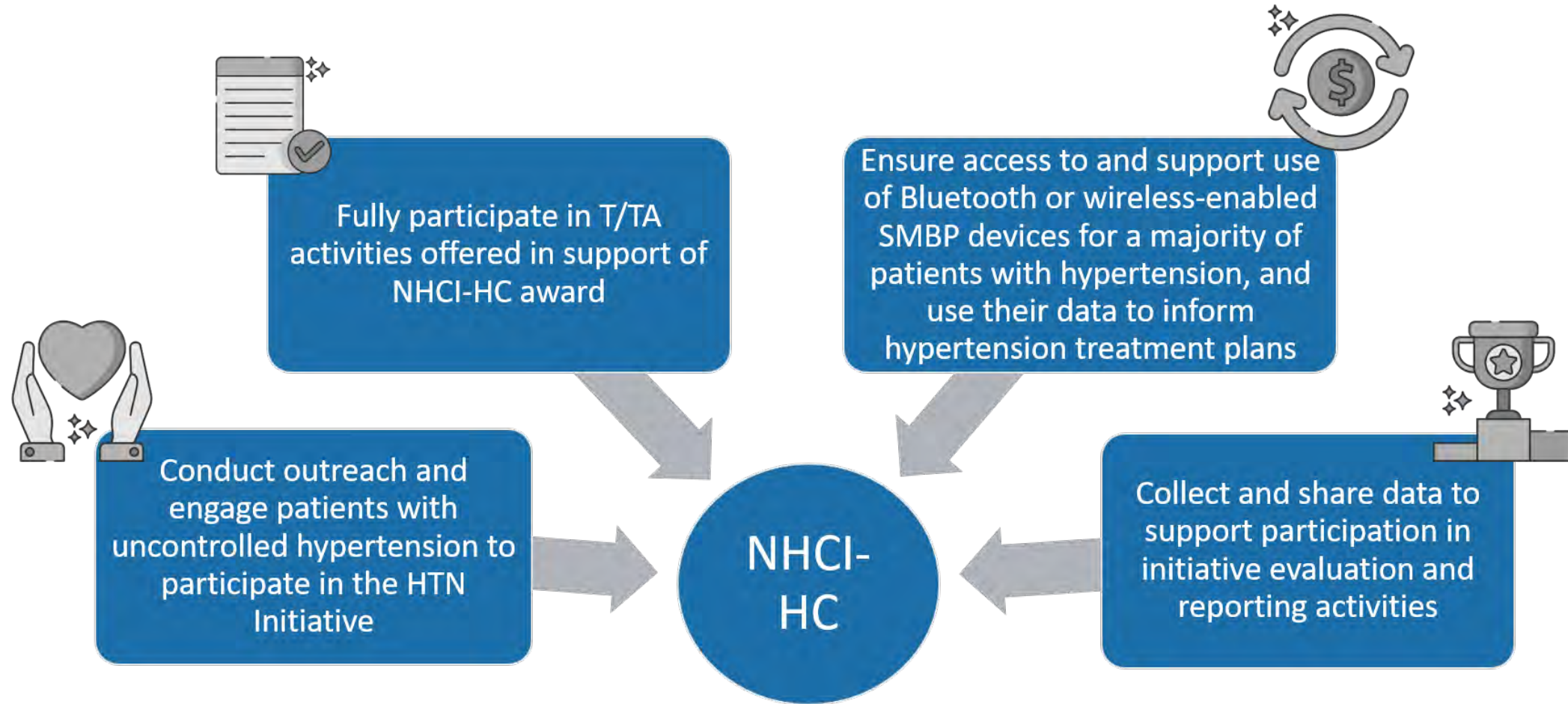
- **Increase provider and staff engagement** in implementing evidence-based practices, including advanced **self-measured blood pressure (SMBP) technology**, to **increase controlled hypertension**
- 3-year funding received up front for NHCI-HC activities through the end of the FY 2023 H80 budget period



Requirements



Health centers must address all 4 requirements



Example Allowed Costs



SMBP devices must be available for the majority of patients with hypertension



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

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



Submission Timeline

Progress reports are due to HRSA semi-annually (July, January) by all NHCI awardees until the grant activities are reviewed and approved by HRSA as “Completed”.

| Date | Activity |
|----------------|---|
| June 23 | Pre-recorded webinar available on NHCI TA webpage |
| July 1 | Progress Report Module (PRM) opens in EHBs |
| July 7 | Live Q&A session for health centers |
| July 16 | Progress Report due in EHBs |

- All Progress Reports **must be received in the EHBs by July 16, 2021.**
- Health Centers **cannot request extensions** for Progress Reports.

Progress Report Format

Progress report will:

- Be completed in EHBs
- Consist of four questions
- Provide updates on activities from **January 19, 2021 – June 30, 2021**



Progress Report – NHCI-HC Progress Report Form

NHCI Semi-Annual Progress Report (SAPR)

H80C S00005 (Reporting Period: 1/1/2021 - 6/30/2021) Due In: 53 Days | Section Status: In Progress

Resources [?](#)

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*** 1. Project Status**

Not Started

Less than or equal to 50% Complete

Greater than 50% and Less than 100% Complete

Completed

*** 2. Please provide a status update and describe successes and lessons learned on the activities supported with the NHCI-HC funding in the following areas (identify the activities that have been completed, are in progress, and/or are planned with this funding):**

*** 2a. Outreach and Continued Engagement of Patients with Uncontrolled Hypertension (where possible, note the number of patients with an outreach or continued engagement encounter for the reporting period) Status – Check one:**

Completed

In Progress

Planned

Maximum 5000 characters (with spaces)



Question 1 - Project Status

You will select one of the following status options noted below to describe the progress with the funded activities:

- Not Started
- Less than or equal to 50% Complete
- Greater than 50% and Less than 100% Complete
- Completed

- “Completed” option will be grayed out until the final progress report.



Question 2a

Please provide a status update and describe successes and lessons learned on the activities supported with NHCI-HC funding in the following areas noted below:

Outreach and Continued Engagement of Patients with Uncontrolled Hypertension

Status - Check one: Completed
 In progress
 Planned

Narrative/Comment Box (max 5,000 characters with spaces)

- You will provide a narrative response.
- Include specific activities used and outcomes related to SMBP use and blood pressure control.
- Where possible, note the number of patients with an outreach or continued engagement encounter for the reporting period.



Question 2b

Please provide a status update and describe successes and lessons learned on the activities supported with NHCI-HC funding in the following areas noted below:

Participation in National Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) Activities

Status - Check one: Completed
 In progress
 Planned

Narrative/Comment Box (max 5,000 characters with spaces)

- You will provide a narrative response.
- Where possible, include T/TA activity title, date, and number of health center participants.



Question 2c

Please provide a status update and describe successes and lessons learned on the activities supported with NHCI-HC funding in the following areas noted below:

Ensure Access to and Support the Use of Bluetooth or Wireless-Enabled SMBP Devices for a Majority of Patients with Hypertension

Status - Check one: Completed
 In progress
 Planned

- You will provide a narrative response.
- Include specific methods and activities used to meet this requirement.
- Where possible, note the number of patients offered, declined, or currently using SMBP devices.

Narrative/Comment Box (max 5,000 characters with spaces)



Question 2d

Please provide a status update and describe successes and lessons learned on the activities supported with NHCI-HC funding in the following areas noted below:

Use of Data from Bluetooth or Wireless-Enabled SMBP Devices to Develop and Inform Hypertension Treatment Plans

Status - Check one: Completed
 In progress
 Planned

- You will provide a narrative response.
- Where possible, link to activities in project plan.

Narrative/Comment Box (max 5,000 characters with spaces)



Question 2e

Please provide a status update and describe successes and lessons learned on the activities supported with NHCI-HC funding in the following areas noted below:

Collect and Share Data to Support Participation in Initiative Evaluation and Reporting Activities

Status - Check one: Completed
 In progress
 Planned

Narrative/Comment Box (max 5,000 characters with spaces)

- You will provide a narrative response.
- Where possible, link to activities in project plan.



Question 3

Are the implemented/planned activities described above and associated uses of NHCI- HC funds consistent with what you submitted to HRSA in the initial application?

Yes No

If No, please describe any new and/or updated activities. For changes that impact your approved budget, please provide detail by cost category. (max 2,000 characters with spaces)

- You will not need to provide an update here if there are no changes to the activities and costs described in the initial reporting requirement response and/or subsequent progress reports.
- You will need to provide updated information on the new activities and associated costs.
- Include explanation of how changes to planned/implemented activities continue to meet the intent of this funding.



Question 4

Are there or do you anticipate any issues or barriers in the use of the NHCI-HC funding and/or implementing the planned activities?

Yes No

If Yes, please describe. (max 2,000 characters with spaces)

- You will not need to provide a narrative response if there are no issues or barriers in implementing the activities or using the funding.
- If there are issues or barriers, you will need to provide detailed information related to what the issues and barriers are and how they are impacting the implementation of the proposed activities.
- Details provided here will assist HRSA in understanding where additional technical assistance may be needed to support each awardee.



Attachments (Optional)

- If you have additional documents, you may upload up to five attachments.
- Attachments are to support answers provided in the progress report, not to replace them.

Technical Assistance Resources



NHCI-HC Live Q&A Session

- Wednesday, July 7 at 2PM ET
- Please refer to e-mail invitation sent by NHCI-Support@hrsa.gov for registration information. If you did not receive e-mail invitation, you may register [here](#).
- You may email questions beforehand to NHCI-Support@hrsa.gov and answers will be shared during the live session.



NHCI Technical Assistance Webpage

<https://bphc.hrsa.gov/program-opportunities/national-hypertension-control-initiative>

The screenshot shows the HRSA Health Center Program website. The top navigation bar includes 'Health Resources & Services Administration' and 'Explore +'. The HRSA logo is prominently displayed. A search bar and social media icons are also visible. The main navigation menu includes 'Program Requirements', 'Quality Improvement', 'Program Opportunities' (which is highlighted), 'Health Center Data', 'Federal Tort Claims Act', and 'About the Health Center Program'. The breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > Program Opportunities > FY 2021 Supplemental Funding for Hypertension (NHCI-HC)'. The main heading is 'FY 2021 Supplemental Funding for Hypertension (NHCI-HC)'. Below this, there is an information icon and a link to 'HHS Awards 90 Million to Support Health Centers in Addressing Hypertension Among Racial and Ethnic Minorities'. Other links include 'View the NHCI-HC award recipients', 'Question and Answer Session for NHCI-HC Award Recipients' (dated Tuesday, February 2, 2021, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET), 'Recording #', and 'Presentation Slides (PDF - 742 KB)'. The 'Overview' section begins with the text: 'The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and Office of Minority Health (OMH) are partnering through the National Hypertension Control Initiative: Addressing Disparities among Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations (HTN Initiative). Through this initiative, HRSA awarded \$89.5 million in fiscal year 2021 in supplemental funding to health centers receiving Health Center Program operational grant (H80) funding that meet specified hypertension criteria:'

Recorded briefing, presentation slides, and progress report instructions are available on the NHCI TA webpage.



Contact Information



For programmatic questions, e-mail NHCI-Support@hrsa.gov



For budget questions, contact your **Grants Management Specialist**

EHBs Support

Health Center Program Support

- Submit your inquiry at <http://www.hrsa.gov/about/contact/bphc.aspx>. Choose “Health Center” then the “Progress Reports” sub-category and then the “NHCI” sub-category.
- Call 1-877-464-4772 between 8am and 8pm, Monday – Friday except on federal holidays.



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