



# Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Service Area Competition (SAC) Applicant Question and Answer Session

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# Agenda

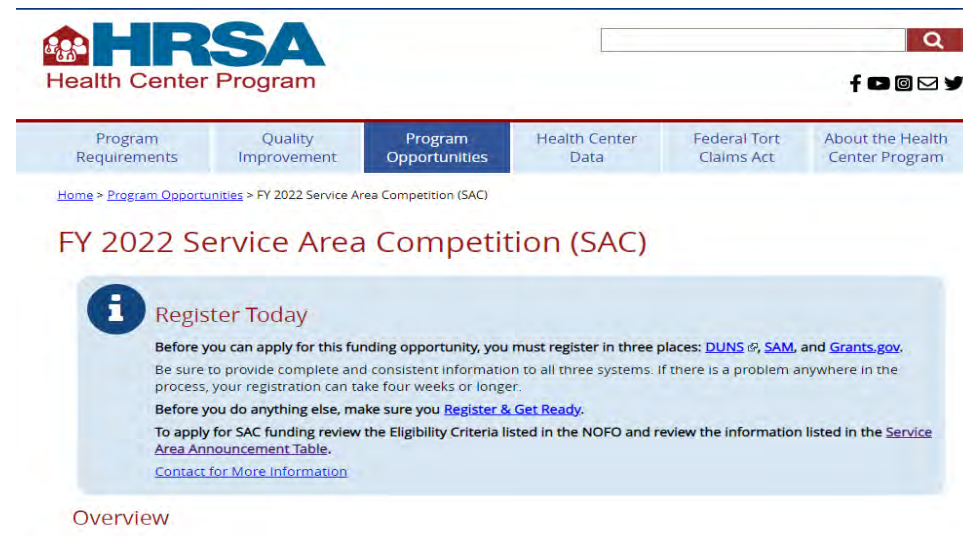
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- SAC/BPR Schedule for FY2022
- Common Reasons for an Ineligible Application
- Common Reasons for Lower Review Scores
- Funding Priority
- Questions and Answers
- Technical Assistance Contacts



# Service Area Competition (SAC)

- Competitive funding opportunity for operational support for announced service areas
- Funds services in communities already served by Health Center Program award recipients
- Ensures continued access to comprehensive, culturally competent, high-quality primary health care services
- [SAC technical assistance webpage](#)



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## FY 2022 Service Area Competition (SAC)

**i** Register Today

Before you can apply for this funding opportunity, you must register in three places: [DUNS](#), [SAM](#), and [Grants.gov](#). Be sure to provide complete and consistent information to all three systems. If there is a problem anywhere in the process, your registration can take four weeks or longer.

Before you do anything else, make sure you [Register & Get Ready](#).

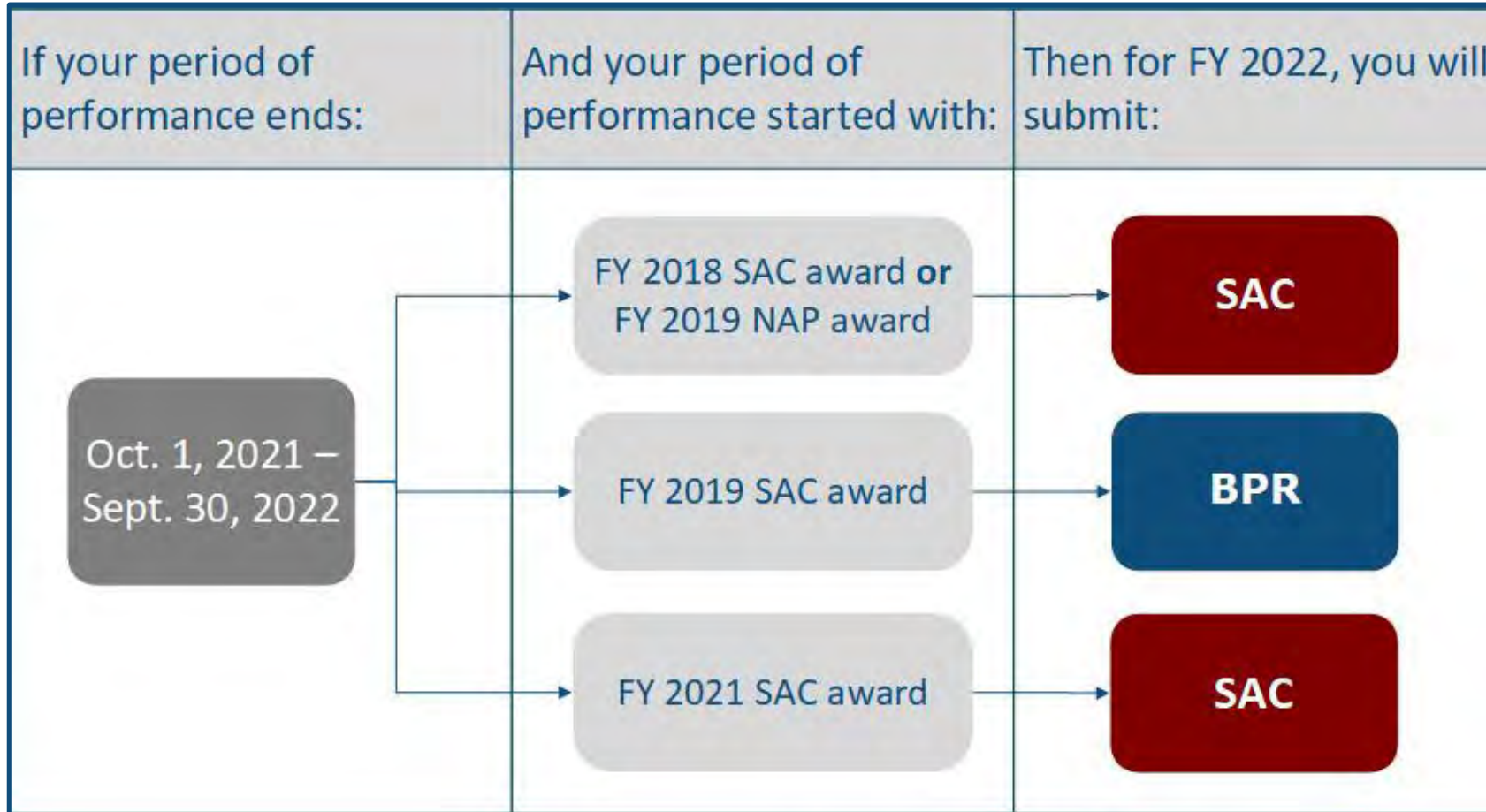
To apply for SAC funding review the Eligibility Criteria listed in the NOFO and review the information listed in the [Service Area Announcement Table](#).

[Contact for More Information](#)

Overview



# Will I Complete SAC or BPR for FY 2022?



**Period of performance with an end date on or after October 1, 2022 → BPR**



# Common Reasons for an Ineligible Application (1 of 2)

- The applicant does not propose to serve an announced serviced area
- Service area zip codes entered on Form 5B: Service Sites have patient percentages in the SAAT that do not total 75%
- The applicant does not propose a patient projection of at least 75% of the patient target identified in the SAAT
- The applicant does not propose to serve all current target populations (e.g., HCH, MHC)



# Common Reasons for an Ineligible Application (2 of 2)

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- The applicant does not project patients for all current service types (e.g., Mental Health, Enabling)
- The applicant requests more funding than available or does not maintain the current funding distribution as identified in the SAAT
- The application does not include an item required for completeness (e.g., Project Narrative)

# Common Reasons for Lower Review Scores

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- Not responding to the current NOFO requirements
- Not responding to each item within each section of the Project Narrative (items and review criteria change each year)
- Missing an attachment
- Inconsistencies across portions of the application



# Funding Priority

## (Competing Continuation Applicants Only)

- **To be eligible for priority points, you must:**
  - Be a competing continuation applicant,
  - Have no active Health Center Program requirements-related conditions at the time of application submission, and
  - Not have a current 1-year period of performance
- **Patient Trend (5 points):**
  - Positive or neutral 2-year or 3-year patient growth trend (+/- 5 percent), as documented in UDS
- **Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Recognition (5 points):**
  - 1 or more sites with PCMH recognition at the time of application review



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# Questions and Answers

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# SAC Technical Assistance Contacts

Resource	Contact
SAC Technical Assistance Webpage	<a href="#">SAC Technical Assistance webpage</a>
Program Questions	Chrissy James and Itege Bailey 301-594-4300 <a href="#">BPHC Contact Form</a>
Budget Questions	Terry Hatchett 301-443-7525 <a href="mailto:thatchett@hrsa.gov">thatchett@hrsa.gov</a>
Grants.gov Questions	800-518-4726 <a href="mailto:support@grants.gov">support@grants.gov</a>
EHBs Questions	Health Center Program Support 877-464-4772 <a href="#">BPHC Contact Form</a>



# Thank You!

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