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

Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)

Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People

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- Hypertension Overview
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- Submission Components and Guidance
- Award Information and Resources
- Questions and Answers

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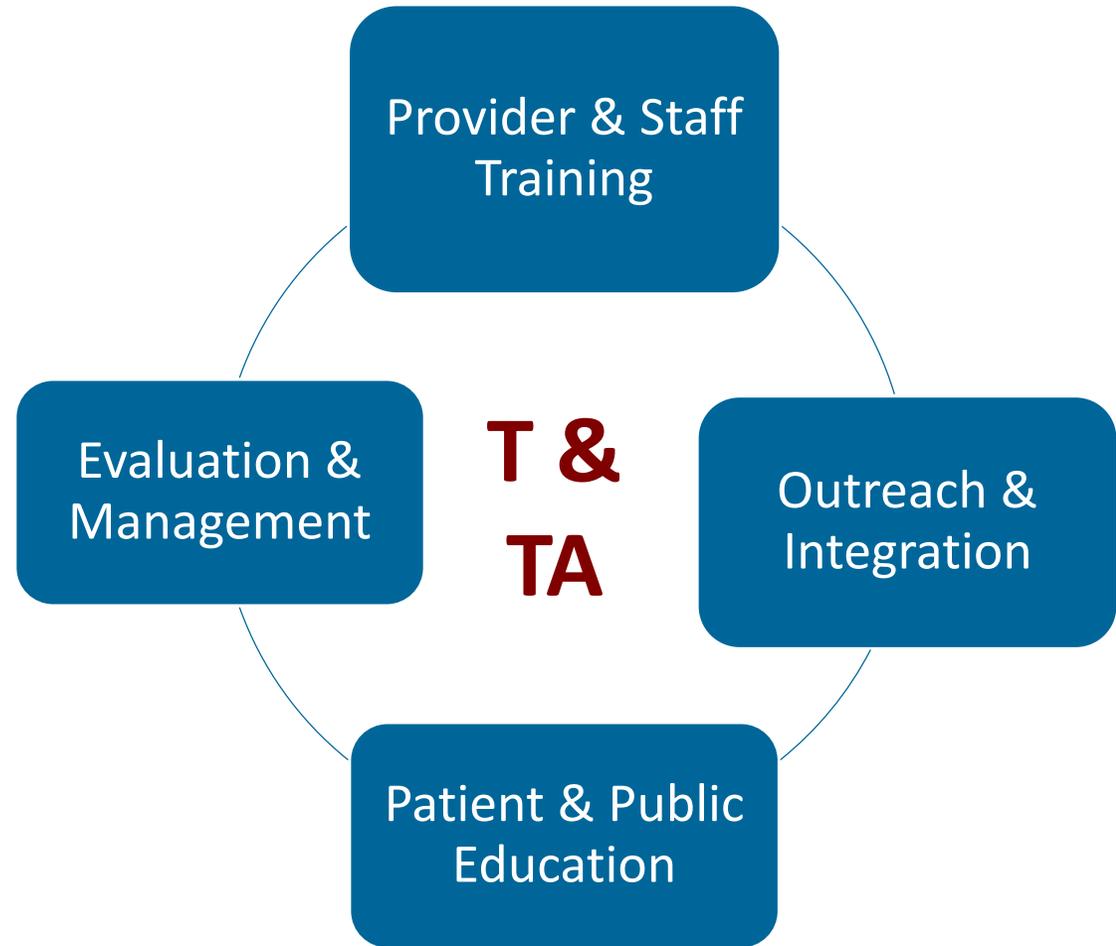
National Hypertension Control Initiative

Addressing Disparities Among Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations

HRSA's Role in HTN Initiative

$60 Million

Provider & Staff Training

Evaluation & Management

T & TA

Outreach & Integration

Patient & Public Education

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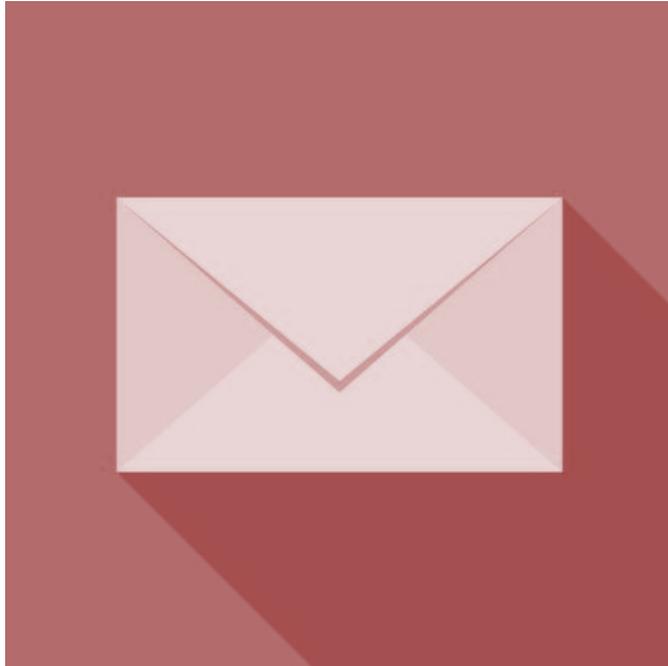
An email to H80 award project director, business official, and authorizing official:

- 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

Purpose

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

$$\text{NHCI-HC} = \$90{,}000 + \$60 \text{ per adult patient with uncontrolled hypertension (2019 UDS data)}$$

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Requirements

Fully participate in T/TA activities offered in support of NHCI-HC award
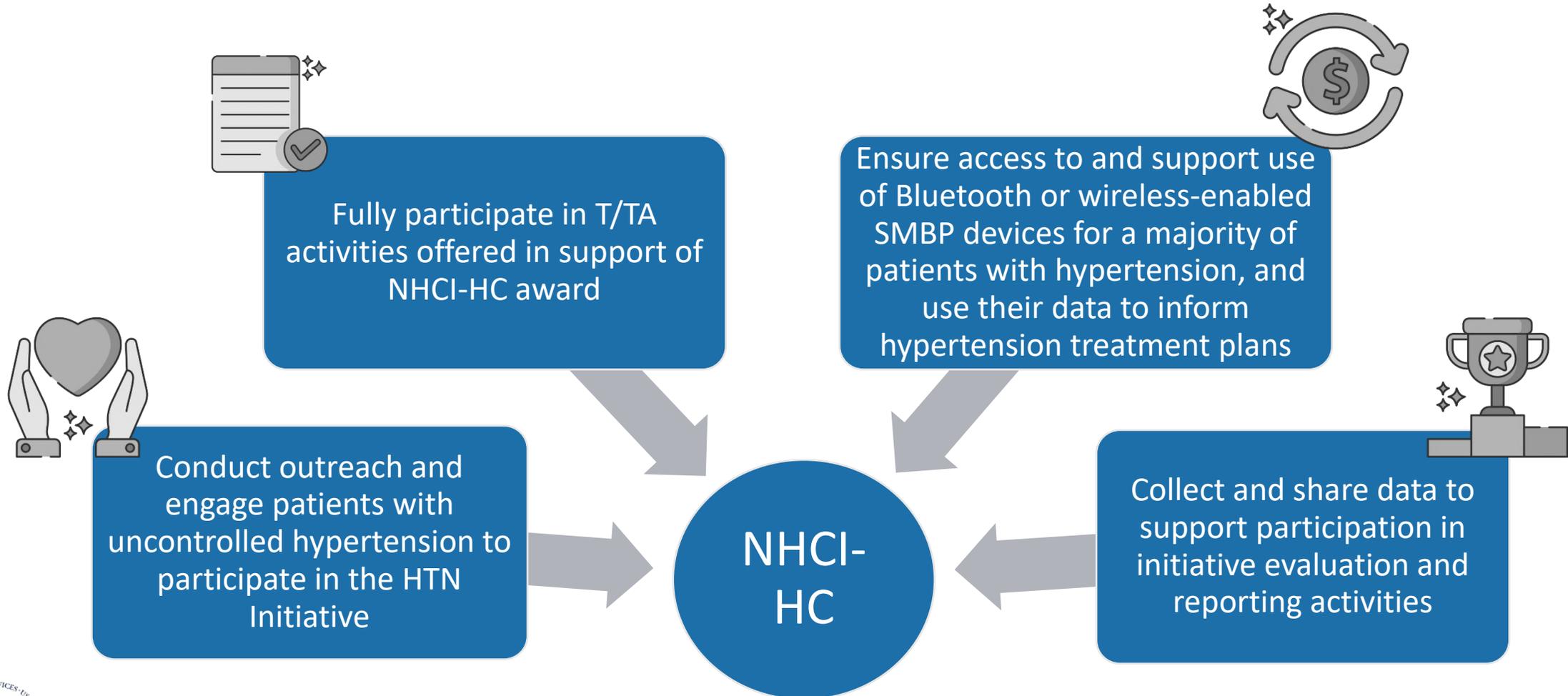
Ensure access to and support use of Bluetooth or wireless-enabled SMBP devices for a majority of patients with hypertension, and use their data to inform hypertension treatment plans

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

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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)
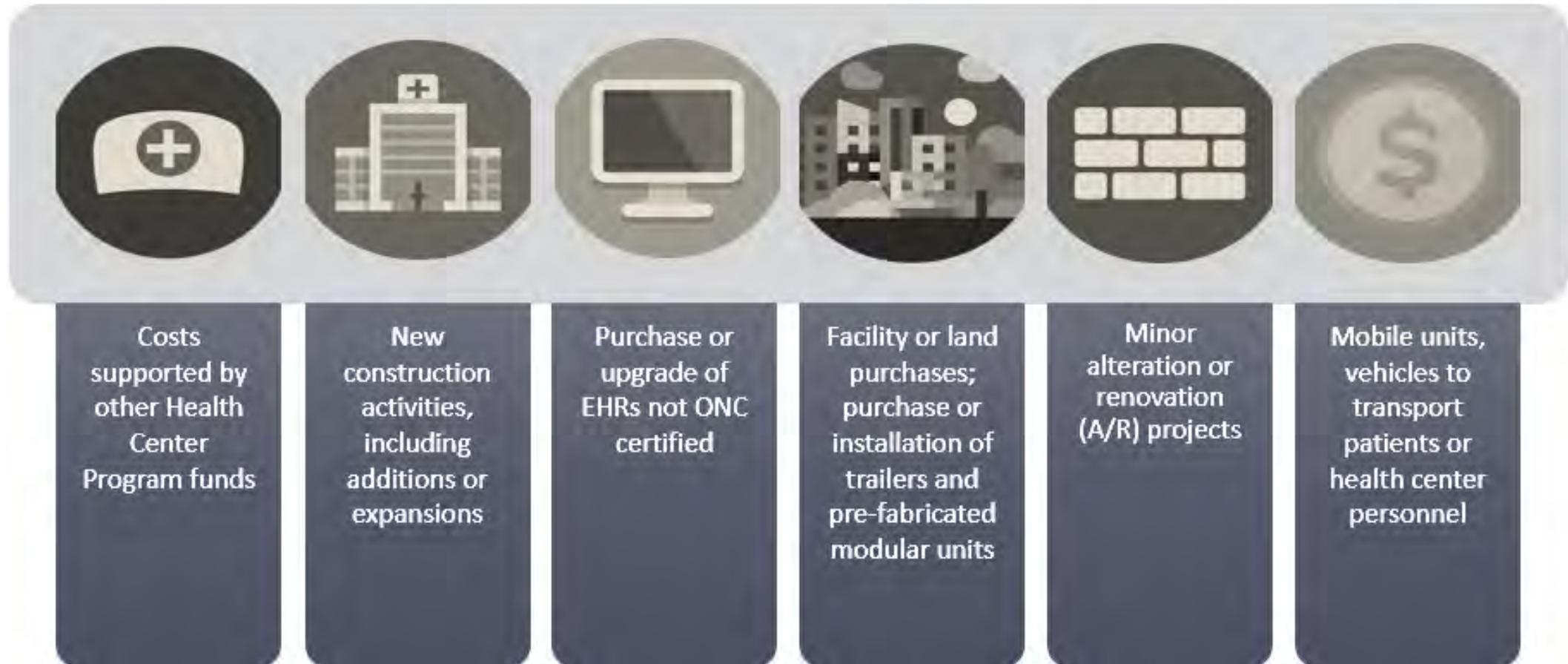
Health IT

Information technology to support data security and data privacy; broadband data

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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)

SF-424A

- **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)

	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		CATEGORY TOTAL
Object Class Category	Federal	Non-Federal	Federal	Non-Federal	Federal	Non-Federal	Federal (Years 1 through 3)

Personnel Justification Table

Name	Position Title	Base Salary	Adjusted Annual Salary	FTE to Support NHCI-HC Project	Federal Amount Requested
J. Smith	Physician	$225,000	$197,300	0.10	$19,230

- 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

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Project Overview Form: T/TA Participation

★ Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) Participation | Select One Option

○ Yes

My health center will fully participate in future training and technical assistance (T/TA) activities offered in support of my award. | ○ No

"Yes" must be selected to be considered for funding

Project Overview Form: Hypertension Metrics

Hypertension Metric	Requirement for Funding	2019 UDS Data	2020 Data (from EHR chart universe)	2020 Data Source
Total patients 18-85 years of age with hypertension	≥ 100	[prepopulated]	Provide if 2019 UDS Data < 100	Required if entering 2020 data
Percentage of patients 18-85 years of age who had a diagnosis of hypertension overlapping the measurement period and whose most recent blood pressure was adequately controlled (less than 140/90 mmHG)	< 58.9%	[prepopulated]	Provide if 2019 UDS Data ≥ 58.9%	Required if entering 2020 data

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Chart Audit Considerations
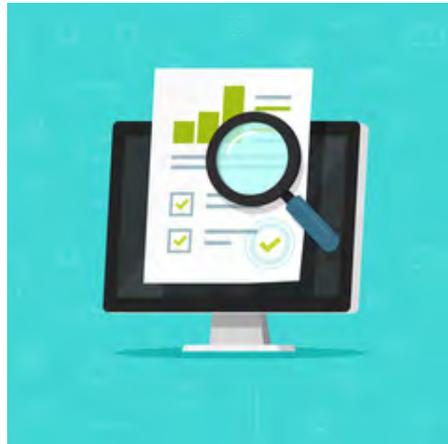
If you used a patient chart sample to report 2019 UDS hypertension metric data (i.e., a "chart audit"):

- 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

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Example Project Plan Form

REQUIREMENT	ACTIVITIES	MILESTONES
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	• Purchase SMBP devices for 300 of the 400 patients with hypertension (75%). • Purchase and integrate RPM technology into the EHR. • EHR upgrade to add new clinical workflows and clinical decision supports, and facilitate information exchange in support of hypertension diagnosis and control activities.	• (March 1, 2021) – Purchase SMBP devices – Year 1 • (March 31, 2021) – Purchase and integrate RPM technology into the EHR – Year 1 • (March 31, 2021) – EHR upgrade – Year 1

Equipment List Form

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)

Progress Reporting

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- 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

Submission Guidance

Question and Answer Session Slides and Recording

Submission Forms and Examples

Technical Assistance Contacts

Frequently Asked Questions Document

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

Key Dates

November 2020: Submission module available in EHBs

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December 2020: Submission due in EHBs

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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

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[TA webpage]

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[Health Center Program Support]

Select "Application" for Issue Type

Then, "National Hypertension Control Initiative (NHCI-HC)" for issue subtype

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EHBs System Issues

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[Health Center Program Support]

Select "Application Systems Question"

Then, "National Hypertension Control Initiative (NHCI-HC)" for issue subtype

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OR
1-877-464-4772, option 2

Business, Administrative, and Fiscal Questions

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

Questions