



What happens after a Service Area Competition (SAC) or Renewal of Designation (RD) application is submitted to HRSA?

HRSA's goal is to provide applicants with an opportunity to correct potential Health Center Program compliance findings prior to SAC award/RD while assuring objectivity/neutrality of interactions with applicants.

After the applicant submits SAC or RD application, a HRSA reviewer determines the next step:

No additional applicant actions required

If no areas of non-compliance are identified, you will not receive any further Electronic Handbooks (EHBs) correspondence and there is no need to contact HRSA.

or

Further applicant actions required

If areas of non-compliance are identified, HRSA will contact the health center's Authorizing Official; the applicant will have up to 14 calendar days to respond and provide additional information to demonstrate compliance.

NOTE: The EHBs correspondence will come from 'HRSA GEMS': oitgems@hrsa.gov.

HRSA aims to make award/designation decisions and communicate through a Notice of Award or Notice of Look-Alike Designation at least 60 days before the project/designation period begins.

If further actions are required, here are the next steps:

- ✓ HRSA reviewer will contact the health center's Authorizing Official by phone after an EHBs correspondence request is sent.
- ✓ The EHBs correspondence will have an associated deadline that must be met. There are no extensions.
- ✓ HRSA will continue its review of the application after the time period for responding has passed.
- ✓ Based on all information submitted, HRSA will make a final determination as to whether or not to fund/designate an application with or without conditions. As a reminder, any SAC awards or RDs with one or more conditions will automatically be granted a one-year project/designation period.