

The BPHC Newly Funded TA Web Guide Resources for New and Existing Grantees

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The BPHC Newly Funded TA Web Guide is a self assessment tool designed to help new BPHC grantees provide high-quality primary health care from the day they open their doors for business. The Guide is a central hub for links to HRSA-approved templates, information pages, and policy documents, and many other resources. The intent of the Web Guide is to help Health Center grantees improve their quality and efficiency, work within Health Center Program Requirements, and access Federal policies, programs and resources intended for the specific needs of Health Centers.

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3e. Program Requirement 6: Hospital Admitting Privileges and Continuum of Care

Requirements:

- Health center physicians have admitting privileges at one or more referral hospitals, or other arrangements to ensure continuity of care.
- If hospital arrangements (including admitting privileges and membership) are not possible, does the applicant organization have firmly established arrangements for hospitalization, discharge planning, and patient tracking to ensure continuity of care?

Authority: Section 330(k)(3)(L) of the PHS Act

Where to Look for Answers: 1) Hospital Agreements, 2) Most recent Form 5C: Other Activities/Locations (hospitals where health center providers have admitting privileges should be noted on the form)

Links and Additional Resources: There are no applicable resources on this topic. Your [State PCA](#) may have more information on this topic.

Table 1: Hospital Admitting Privileges and Continuum of Care Questions

These questions are intended to help grantees self-assess how well they are meeting the Continuum of Care needs of their target population.

#	Question	Answer
1	Do the health center’s physicians admit and follow hospitalized patients?	
2	If not, is there a formal, written agreement outlining arrangements for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitalization? • Discharge planning? • Patient tracking? 	
3	When physicians do not follow patients in the hospital, how is continuity of care ensured?	
4	Do the formal written agreements with the hospital(s) address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation for services rendered? • Admission notification? • Discharge follow-up? • Exchange of information? 	
5	How is a continuum of care ensured for homeless patients?	