

The Office of Quality and Data Acronyms

Acronym	Full Name	Brief Description
330 Grant	Grants that are authorized under Section 330 of the Public Health	Legislational authority provided in 1964 to support community health centers. There are various kinds including those dedicated to at large populations, public housing, school based health centers, homeless populations and seasonal/migrant farmworkers
AA	Associate Administrator	Leading HRSA official who oversees the operations of an office or bureau
AA&NHOP	Asian American & Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders	A person of Asian American, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander decent
N4A	The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging	N4A's primary mission is to build the capacity of its members to help older persons and persons with disabilities live with dignity and choices in their homes and communities for as long as possible.
AAAHC	Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care	An organization dedicated to developing standards to advance and promote patient safety, quality and value for ambulatory health care through peer-based accreditation processes, education and research.
AAC	All-Advisory Committee	Committee which brings four BHP related committees together (COGME, NACNEP, ACICBL, and ACTPCMD) to work on issues of "common interest" (i.e., training)
AAFP	American Academy of Family Medicine	Membership/advocacy organization for family physicians. With more 100,000+ members is the largest primary care only medical organization in the US
AAP	American Academy of Pediatrics	Membership/advocacy organization for pediatricians
AAPCHO	Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations	A National Cooperative Agreement with the BPHC that provides training and technical assistance to health center grantees serving the Asian American, Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander populations
AAPI	Asian American Pacific Islander	A person of Asian American or Pacific Islander descent
AARP	American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)	Addresses the needs and concerns of the 50+ population, including the 76 million strong baby boom generation
ACBSCT	Advisory Council on Blood Stem Cell Transplantation	Advises the Secretary and HRSA Administrator on the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation and National Cord Blood Inventory Programs
ACCV	Advisory Committee on Childhood Vaccines	Advises the Secretary on the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program
ACF	Administration for Children and Families	HHS OPDIV that promotes the "economic and social well-being" of children and families
ACOG	American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists	Membership/advocacy organization for OBGyns
ACP	American College of Physicians	Membership/advocacy organization for internists
ACS	American College of Surgeons	Membership organization for surgeons
ADA	American Dietetic Association	Membership/advocacy organization for dieticians
ADA	American Dental Association	Membership/advocacy organization for dentists
ADM	Administrator of HRSA	The top official at HRSA. Selected by political appointment
AEP	Annual Enrollment Period	Period when public employees can make changes to health insurance
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	HHS OPDIV charged with improving the quality, safety, efficiency and effectiveness of healthcare
AoA	Administration on Aging	HHS agency responsible for advancing the concerns and interests of older people and their caregivers
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act	Act approved by Congress in 2009. Included language to support health care initiatives
BCRS	Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Service	Helps underserved communities deal with health care provider shortages through scholarship and loan repayment programs (in return for a service commitment).
BHP	Bureau of Health Professions	Seeks to decrease shortages and increase quality and diversity in the health professions through scholarships, grants, and loan repayment programs. Also administers the NPDB.
BP	Budget Period	A Grants Management term referring to a grantee's annual period of HRSA funding award

BPHC	Bureau of Primary Health Care	Funds health centers through section 330 of the PHSA to provide health care for underserved communities. Also administers the National Hansen's Disease Program.
BPR	Budget Period Renewal	A non-competitive application submitted by HRSA grantee
CCHIT	Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology	Independent, nonprofit organization with mission of accelerating the adoption of robust, interoperable health information technology. Approved by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as an Authorized Testing and Certification Body (ONC-ATCB)
CDC	Centers for Disease Control	HHS OPDIV that promotes disease specific surveillance and intervention to protect the public welfare
CDS	Clinical Decision Support	Interactive tool(s) designed to assist clinical providers with best practice and appropriate decision making tasks
CHAMPS	Community Health Association of Mountain/Plains States	Region VIII Primary Care Association (cooperative agreement from HRSA)
CHC	Community Health Center	Delivers preventive and primary health care to a underserved community/population
CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Program	HHS program which provides states with funding support for the provision of childrens' health insurance
CHPFS	Community Health Partners for Sustainability	Subsidiary of the National Nursing Centers Consortium and the programmatic arm that delivers technical assistance to PHPC health centers to increase access to primary and preventive health care for residents of public housing through partnerships and best practices
CIHS	Center for Integrated Health Solutions	SAMHSA/HRSA cooperative agreement which provides training and technical assistance for the integration of primary and behavioral health care
CIO	Chief Information Officer	Title given to executive tasked with information and computer systems
CIP	Capital Improvement Project	ARRA funded grants awarded to Health Center Program grantees for equipment, renovations and/or construction projects
CIS	Capital Improvement Project	A grantee request to HRSA to add, delete or change a provision of in their approved scope of project. Typically this includes the addition of a physical site or specific delivery of a health service to the grantee's practice
CISO	Chief Information Security Officer	Title given to executive tasked with security and information activities
CMHC	Community Mental Health Center	A local health center that provides mental health services.
CMN	Certified Nurse Midwife	A nurse who has received advanced training and has been certified to serve as a midwife
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services	HHS OPDIV which manages the Medicare and Medicaid programs
COI	Conflict of Interest	When an individual or entity is involved an activities with multiple interests which may financially, professionally or ethically conflict with one another
CQF	Clinical Quality Forum	Initiative in BPHC and OQD that focuses on internal capacity building of clinical acumen
CSE	Central Southeast Division	A division within the Bureau of Primary Health Care encompassing NE, IA, KS, MO, KY, TN, NC, SC, GA, AL, MS and FL
CY	Calendar Year	Measuring a year beginning January 1 and ending December 31
DFO	Designated Federal Official	Provides support and represent the Federal Government to the National Advisory Council on Migrant Health
DPIC	Division of Policy and Information Coordination	Coordinates correspondence, rules & regulations, Reports to Congress, FACA activities, records
DURSA	Data use and reciprocal support agreement	An agreement around rights and responsibilities for data use and security in a health information exchange
EA	Enterprise Architecture	A comprehensive description of an enterprise and relationship between business entities that make up the enterprise
EDM	Electronic Data Management	A system or approach used to track electronic documents
EHR / EMR	Electronic Health Record / Electronic Medical Record	Medical records that are saved and shared electronically, through many different methods

FACA	Federal Advisory Committee Act	A United States Federal law (6 October 1972), which governs the behavior of Federal advisory committees
FIP	Facilities Improvement Program	A competitive ARRA-funded program available to Health Center Program grantees for construction and/or renovation projects
FJ	Farmworker Justice	A Migrant National Cooperative Agreement that provides training on policy and research
FOA	Funding Opportunity Announcement	A publicly available document by which a Federal agency makes known its intentions to award discretionary grants or cooperative agreements, usually as a result of competition for funds
Form 5A	UDS form 5A (services)	Site of UDS where mandatory, annual <i>Services</i> provided by a Health Center Program grantee are documented
Form 5B	UDS form 5B (sites)	Site of UDS where mandatory, annual <i>Sites</i> provided by a Health Center Program grantee are documented
Form 5C	UDS form 5C (other activities)	Site of UDS where mandatory, annual <i>Other Activities</i> provided by a Health Center Program grantee are documented
FPL	Federal Poverty Level	In 2011 for a family of 4, was \$22,350
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Center	Entities as defined under Sections 1861 and 1905 of the Social Security Act as being eligible to be reimbursed under Medicaid and Medicare as federally qualified health centers. This is a CMS designation and refers to either community health centers sites (of which 8,100 comprise about 90% of all FQHCs) as well as federally qualified "look a likes" and Indian Health Service sites
FRN	Federal Register Notice	A compilation of all presidential proclamations, executive orders, and federal agency regulations and proposed rules. It informs citizens of their rights and obligations, and it includes a listing of Federal benefits and funding opportunities.
FRP	Financial Recovery Plan	Prepared by Health Center Program grantees in response to a financial viability finding
FSHCAA	Federally Supported Health Centers Assistance Act of 1992 and 1995	Federally Supported Health Centers Assistance Act of 1992 and 1995. This extended the FTCA.
FTCA	Federal Tort Claims Act	The provision in law under which Federal employees (or other named parties) receive their professional liability coverage (e.g., medical malpractice) from the US government
FTE	Full Time Equivalent	Used to refer to employment status of Health Center staff, particularly clinical providers. Typically 1 FTE equals 40 hours worked per week
FY	Fiscal Year	Measuring a year beginning October 1 and ending September 31.
GASB	Government Accounting Standards Board	Agency dedicated to greater accountability and well-informed decision making through excellence in public-sector financial reporting
GMO	Grants Management Officer	An individual authorized to manage a federal grant or manager of a specific grants project
HAB	HIV/AIDS Bureau	HRSA bureau that grant funds providers/institutions/states to provide HIV/AIDS services for medically underserved or those with poor health care access
HCCN	Health Center Controlled Network	Groups of 3 or more community health centers that adopt a single E.H.R in order to promote patient safety and improve clinical data sharing to enhance quality outcomes. In 2011 approximately 70 networks existed nationwide
HCH	Health Care for the Homeless	Special population program authorized under section 330(h) of U.S. Public Health Service Act, aims to deliver high-quality comprehensive, case managed, and family-based preventive primary health care services, including behavioral health, to individuals and families experiencing homelessness
HCQR	Health Center Quarterly Report	BPHC report on ARRA activities
HDC	Health Disparities Collaboratives	Run by HRSA for a decade, collaboratives aimed at achieving excellence through goal setting, building strategic partnerships and transforming clinical practice
HHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	The principle institution of the United States for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services
HIE	Health Information Exchange	An entity comprised of multiple stakeholders (i.e., providers, clinics, health departments, state actors, etc.) exchanging health information in a digital format

HIMSS	Healthcare Information Management Systems Society	Organization dedicated to promoting a better understanding of health care information and management systems
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act	Legislation that ensures a right to buy health insurance after losing a job, sets standards for EMRs and protects the privacy health information
HIT	Health Information Technology	Describes the platforms and tools for management of health information across computerized systems
HL7	Health Level 7	Standards for the exchange, integration, sharing, and retrieval of electronic health information
HOP	Health Outreach Partners	A Migrant National Cooperative Agreement that provides training on outreach programs
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration	HHS OPDIV which seeks to improve access to health care for underserved populations
HSB	Healthcare Systems Bureau	HRSA bureau that oversees organ, bone marrow and cord blood donation & transplantation programs; assists poison control centers; administers vaccine injury compensation; and provides a drug discount program for safety-net providers
HUD	U.S. Housing and Urban Development	OPDIV that oversees programs to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes nationwide.
ICD	International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Heal	A medical classification system of codes for classifying an array of symptoms and causes for injury or disease.
IDS	Increased Demand for Services	ARRA-funded grants to Health Center Program grantees to increase operations via hiring additional providers and/or support staff, increasing hours of operation, etc.
I.H.S.	Indian Health Services	
LGBT	Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender	A person that is lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender
MCHB	Maternal and Child Health Bureau	HRSA bureau that administers programs (including grants) which seek to improve the health of mothers, children, and families
MCN	Migrant Clinicians Network	A National Cooperative Agreement that provides training on clinical issues for migrant and seasonal farmworker patients
MHC	Migrant Health Center	Provides health care services to migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their families
MHP	Migrant Health Promotion	A National Cooperative Agreement that provides training on promotora programs directed for migrant and seasonal farmworker patients
MIS	Management Information System	Management Information System
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement	A signed agreement between two or more parties (ex: an agreement signed by a community, the NHSC, and a health professional which allows him/her to be assigned to a practice site).
MOC	Member of Congress	A member of the Senate or House of Representatives of the United States.
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding	Memorandum of Understanding
MSFW	Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker	A migrant is defined as a person whose primary employment is in agriculture and established temporary abodes for the purposes of such employment, whereas a seasonal farmworker is a person who is employed in agriculture on seasonal basis
MU	Meaningful Use	Meaningful Use is the way in which EHR technologies must be implemented and utilized for a provider to be eligible for the EHR Incentive Programs and to qualify for incentive payments per the Office of the National Coordinator
MUA	Medically Underserved Area	An area that has a shortage of primary care physicians, and is eligible for federal support. Designation is applied for by the State Health Department and granted by the federal Office of Shortage Designation
MUP	Medically Underserved Population	A population identified by certain criteria as having a shortage of primary care physicians and is eligible for federal support

NACHC	National Association of Community Health Centers	Membership and advocacy organization to the nation's 1,100+ community health centers. Supported by HRSA as a national cooperative agreement, NACHC provides educational support to and research based advocacy for health centers in providing access to high quality health care to the medically underserved.
NACMH	National Advisory Council on Migrant Health	Advises the Secretary on migrant and seasonal farmworker health issues
NAM	North American Management	HRSA's national cooperative agreement partners for Public Housing Primary Care grantee recipients
NAP	New Access Points	Funding opportunity for existing and new health centers for operation of new clinical sites
NASBHC	National Assembly on School-Based Health Care	A national non-profit organization that supports school-based health centers and provides technical assistance to these health centers through a National Cooperative Agreement with HRSA
NAWS	National Agricultural Workers Survey	A national demographic survey of agricultural workers
NCA	National Cooperative Agreement	Provides training and technical assistance to health centers serving special populations. More flexible than a contract (since an NCA supports a dynamic relationship over a specific work product) and different than a grant (given government's ability to provide real time feedback and co-manage tasks with NCAs)
NCD	North Central Division	A geographic division within the Bureau of Primary Health Care that administers AK, WA, OR, ID, UT, MT, WY, CO, ND, SD, MN, WI, IL, MI, IN and OH
NCFH	National Center for Farmworker Health	A Migrant National Cooperative Agreement that provides training on capacity building and program requirements
NCHPH	National Center for Health in Public Housing	A project of North American Management that provides training and technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of federally funded PHPC health centers and other health centers to meet the special health care needs and to enhance health care delivery to residents living in public and assisted housing
NCQA	National Committee for Quality Assurance	Private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality, founded in 1990
NCST	National Center on Senior Transportation	Their mission is to increase transportation options for older adults and enhance their ability to live more independently within their communities throughout the United States.
NDA	Notice of Deeming Action (with FTCA)	Notice of Deeming Action (with FTCA)
NED	North East Division	A geographic division within the Bureau of Primary Health Care that administers ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, PA, MD, DE, VA, WV, PR and the USVI
NGA	Notice of Grant Award	Notices of Grant Award (NGA) are the legal documents issued to notify the grantee that an award has been made and that funds may be requested from the HHS payment system.
NHCHC	National Health Care for the Homeless Council	HRSA/BPHC cooperative agreement to support the Health Care for the Homeless program and provide training and technical assistance to Health Care for the Homeless health centers.
NHCOA	National Hispanic Council on Aging	Advocates, celebrates, and enhances the quality of life for Hispanic older adults, their families, and their communities.
NHDP	National Hansen's Disease Program	A division within the Bureau of Primary Health Care historically rooted in and focused on leprosy
NHIN	Nationwide Health Information Network	Standards, services and policies that enable secure health information exchange over the Internet
NHPI	Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander	A person of Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander descent
NNCC	National Nursing Centers Consortium	Public Housing Primary Care National Cooperative Agreement Grantee .
NoA	Notice of Award	Notice of Award – The official written notification of the funding award sent to the grantee or cooperative agreement by HRSA.
NPRM	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking	Federal device to solicit public opinion on pending regulatory changes or rulemaking
NVAC	National Vaccine Advisory Group	A group in the office of the Assistant Secretary of Health (ASH) who advises on national immunization policy
OAA	Office of the Associate Administrator	Refers to highest level within the org chart of a bureau or office. Reports to Office of the Administrator of HRSA

OAM	Office of Administrative Management	An office within the BPHC charged with the administrative needs of BPHC (e.g., budget, travel, finance)
OHITQ	HRSA's Office of Health Information Technology and Quality	Office that supports all HIT work and cross cutting quality initiatives in HRSA
ONC	Office of the National Coordinator	ONC is the principal Federal entity charged with coordination of nationwide efforts to implement and use the most advanced health information technology and the electronic exchange of health information.
ONC-ATCB	Office of the National Coordinator - Authorized Testing and Certification	An entity authorized by ONC to perform complete and EHR Testing
OPPD	Office of Policy and Program Development	An office within BPHC dedicated to grant guidance and policy development for health center programs
OQD	Office of Quality and Data	An office within BPHC dedicated to promoting quality across the health centers. Additionally houses the FTCA program, UDS reporting system and grants for HIT adoption and advancement
OSPH	Office of Special Population Health	An office within BPHC dedicated to homeless, migrant, mentally ill and other populations
OTC	Over the Counter	Medication that can be purchased without a prescription
OTTAC	Office of Training and Technical Assistance Coordination	An office within the BPHC dedicated to providing education and technical assistance to grantees on a variety of topics including clinical, programmatic compliance and quality improvement
PAC	Progressive Action Condition	Progressive Action Condition
PAL	Program Assistance Letter	Published document that provides programmatic guidance to Health Center Program grantees.
PAO	Program Approving Official (Division Director or Operations Director)	Program Approving Official (Division Director or Operations Director)
PAR	Program Analysis and Recommendation	Project Officer's annual review of a Health Center Program grantee's application for renewed HRSA funding (competitive or non-competitive)
PCMH	Patient Centered Medical Home	A model of patient-centric, culturally competent care delivery that is well coordinated and supported by primary care teams using HIT
PHA	Public Housing Agency	Administers HUD's low-income and public housing programs
PHPC	Public Housing Primary Care	Public Housing Primary Care
PHR	Personal Health Record	A bi-directional health record that allows patients easy access to and the ability to input additional relevant health information into
PIN	Policy Information Notice	BPHC document conveying programmatic guidance for Health Center Program grantees on a specific compliance area
PIT	Point in Time survey	One-night count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons.
PMAP	Performance Management Appraisal Plan	Performance Management Appraisal Plan
PMM	Project Management Module	Project Management Module within EHB/BHCMIS
PMS	Practice Management System	Electronic system (that may or may not be part of an E.H.R. software package) that facilitates clinical administration (such as scheduling, billing, patient follow up, etc.)
PO	Project Officer	Monitors grants for compliance with program requirements
PQC	Program Quality Control (Branch Chief)	Program Quality Control (Branch Chief)
QA/QI	Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement	Related to clinical requirements and best practices. Whereas quality assurance is typically defined as systematic inculcation of safety and quality processes, quality improvement suggests a retrospective and self-reflective effort to identify areas of suboptimal performance and dedication to improving them
RHIO	Regional Health Information Network	An entity comprised of multiple stakeholders exchanging health information in a digital format across a designated region
RPMS	Resource and Patient Management System	An EHR used by the majority of health care facilities within the Indian Health Service health care delivery system. Is considered "open software"
SAC	Service Area Competition	Competitive grant application submitted by a Health Center Program grantee to establish a new Project Period

SAMHSA	Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration	HHS OPDIV which manages substance abuse and mental health programs
SBHC	School-Based Health Center	A health center located in or near a school facility. A comprehensive definition can be found in section 2110(c)(9) of the Social Security Act
SEC	Secretary of HHS	The person who holds the secretaryship of the Department of Health and Human Services. Is appointed by the President of the United States
SWD	Southwest Division	A geographic division within the Bureau of Primary Health Care that administers HI, CA, NV, AZ, NM, TX, OK, AR, LA and the US Pacific territories
SWIFT	Strategic Work Information and Folder Transfer	A program used to electronically manage documents within an organization.
TFI	The Fenway Institute	A National Cooperative Agreement with the BPHC that provides training and technical assistance to health center grantees around LGBT health issues.
TJC	The Joint Commission	Non-profit organization dedicated to patient safety through evaluation of delivery settings and recognition of quality processes
UDS	Uniform Data System	System into which all community health centers must annually report their data on work force, service delivery, patient demographics, finance and specified clinical measures
USPHSA	United States Public Health Service Act	1944 legislation which provides framework for much of US health law over the past 60 years. Notably HIPAA (1996) and PPACA (2010) are amendments to USPHSA. Was also amended in 1964 to include Section 330 provision to authorize funding of the health center program and to define the special populations it serves
Vista	Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture	enterprise-wide information system used across Veterans Health Administration management, delegations of authority and Federal Register notices.