2024 Midwest Stream Forum

Uniting Communities to Cultivate Change for Health Equity

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Health Center Program Update
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Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People
Migrant Health Centers – Overview

• Migrant Health Centers (MHC) receive funding under section 330(g) of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, to deliver comprehensive, high quality, culturally-competent, preventive and primary health care services to migrant and seasonal agricultural workers (MSAWs) and their families.

• Currently, 175 health centers receive over $416 million in ongoing MHC funding to increase access to care and improve health outcomes for MSAWs and their families.

• In CY 2022, Health Center Program grantees served nearly 1 million MSAWs of which almost 840,000 were served by MHC grantees.

  • About 30% are uninsured
  • More than 50% are female
  • 30% are children; 7% older adults
  • 63% served best in a language other than English
  • 60% are seasonal
  • 31% are migratory
CYs 2024 through 2025 - BPHC Strategic Goals

*Increase Access, Improve Health Outcomes, Reduce Health Disparities*

1. Exceptional Experience Every Time: Improve customer experience and engagement*

2. Data Informed Decision-making: Modernize data collection and analytics*

3. Commitment to Community Care: Strengthen and streamline Health Center Program oversight

4. Investing for Outcomes: Maximize the impact of the Health Center Program

5. BPHC Today and Tomorrow: Invest in BPHC’s future leaders
UDS+ Patient-Level Data Reporting

**UDS+ is...**
- De-identified patient level data electronically via Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR)

**UDS+ does not...**
- Collect full copies of data directly from patients' electronic medical records
- Collect any patient identifiers

**UDS+ Patient-Level Data will...**
- Articulate the unique characteristics and complexity of health center patients’ health care needs
- Illustrate the breadth and depth of health center services and their impact on health outcomes
- Inform training, technical assistance, research and evaluation, and health equity work
- Inform investments and interventions based on trends identified in patient-level data (e.g., targeted needs of specific communities/patients, social determinants of health)
Updated Temporary Credentialing and Privileging (C&P) Procedures (PAL 2024-01)

- Clarifies processes for temporary C&P and details procedures and guidelines for use during declared emergencies or emergency situations.
- Expect that the changes will expedite the credentialing and privileging of health care professionals.
- Support swift and effective response during a crisis, and ensure that communities receive high-quality health care services without interruption.

Expeditied Volunteer Health Professional (VHP) Emergency Application Process and System (PAL 2024-02)

- Launching a new streamlined VHP Emergency Application process this summer.
- New PAL 2024-02 outlines the procedures for health centers impacted by emergencies to submit an application.
- Will help to quickly onboard volunteers and strengthen response efforts.
- Will release a supplemental Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) Emergency Resource Guide within the next few weeks.
FY 2024 Funding Outlook

FY 2024/25 Mandatory Funding
- Approximately $5.345 billion for 15 months (10/1/2023 to 12/31/2024)
- Awaiting final decisions on award actions and timing

FY 2024 Discretionary Funding
- No increase – approximately $1.8 billion
- Maintains FY 2023 targeted investments for
  ✓ Primary Care HIV Prevention,
  ✓ Early Childhood Development
  ✓ School-Based Service Expansion
- New investment for Cancer Screening
The FY 2025 Budget includes $8.2 billion for health centers, an increase of $2.4 billion.

Extends and increases mandatory funding, serving 37.4 million patients, with increased investments for FY 2025:

- **$700 million** to expand access to comprehensive services in all health centers, expanding access to medical care, behavioral health, and oral health care
- **$200 million** to provide patient support and enabling services
- **$100 million** to recruit, retain, and grow the health center workforce
- **$50 million** for high quality, patient-centered maternal health services, including behavioral health services
- **$50 million** to expand access to street medicine services, increasing street outreach and patient support services for homeless populations
Questions?
Thank You!

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