Ending the HIV Epidemic: The Role of HRSA Programs and Funding

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HRSA Health Center Program Mission

Improve the health of the nation’s underserved communities and vulnerable populations by assuring access to comprehensive, culturally competent, quality primary health care services
# Health Center Program Fundamentals

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<th>Serve High Need Areas</th>
<th>Private non-profit or public agency that must serve a <strong>high need community or population</strong>, i.e., medically underserved areas (MUA) or medically underserved populations (MUP)</th>
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<td>Patient Directed</td>
<td>Governed by a <strong>community board</strong> of which a majority (at least 51%) are health center patients who represent the population served</td>
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<td>Comprehensive</td>
<td>Provide <strong>comprehensive primary care</strong> services as well as enabling/supportive services such as education, translation and transportation that promote access to health care</td>
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<td>No One is Turned Away</td>
<td>Services are <strong>available to all</strong> with fees adjusted based upon ability to pay</td>
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<td>Collaborative</td>
<td>Establish linkages and <strong>collaborative arrangements</strong> with other community providers to maximize resources and efficiencies in service delivery systems</td>
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<td>Accountable</td>
<td>Meet other <strong>performance and accountability requirements</strong> regarding administrative, clinical, and financial operations</td>
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The Health Center Program is authorized under Section 330 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act.
Health Center Program Services

- General primary care
- Diagnostic laboratory and radiology
- Screening for cancer, chronic diseases, communicable diseases
- Coverage for emergencies during and after hours
- Well child immunizations
- Preventive dental
- OB/GYN, voluntary family planning
- Enabling services

**Additional Services by Approval**

Examples:
- Vision
- Mental health
- Dental
- Substance use disorder
- Podiatry

- Translation
- Transportation
- Outreach
- Case management
- Health education
- Eligibility assistance
Impact: 2018 Uniform Data System Highlights

More than 28 million people rely on a HRSA-funded health center for care, including:

- 1 in 12 people
- 1 in 9 children
- 1 in 5 rural residents
- 1 in 3 living in poverty
- More than 385K veterans
- More than 800K served at school-based health centers
- Nearly 1M agricultural workers
- About 4.5M living in or near public housing

Source: Uniform Data System, 2018
182 HRSA-funded health centers have service delivery sites in the 57 identified geographic locations identified by the initiative

- 149 are funded by both RWHAP and Health Center Program (co-funded)
- 33 are not co-funded but are near RWHAP-funded organizations
Health Center Program: HIV and Primary Care

- **Over 2.4 million** HIV tests conducted annually
- **More than 190,000** patients with HIV receive medical care services at health centers, including many sites co-funded by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program
- **More than 600** health centers purchase Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) through the 340B Program

**HIV and Primary Care Integration**

**Related Initiatives**
- Partnerships for Care (P4C) Demonstration Project, 2014-2017
- Southeast Practice Transformation Expansion Project, 2017-2018

Ending the HIV Epidemic: Health Centers

**Respond** rapidly to detect and respond to growing HIV clusters and prevent HIV infection (CDC)

Referrals of new patients at high risk (CDC, S/LHDs)

**Health Centers**
Serving targeted areas

Health center outreach and in reach to identify patients at high risk

**Diagnose** all people as early as possible after infection

**Test**

**Link to Prevention and Care**

**HIV+**

Engage and Treat
Retain in Care
Suppress Viral Load
PrEP

**Treat** the infection rapidly and effectively to achieve viral suppression

**HIV-**

Prevent people at risk using potent and proven prevention interventions, including medication that can prevent HIV
**Objectives**

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<td>Engage new and existing patients to identify those at risk for HIV</td>
<td>Increase patients tested for HIV</td>
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<td>Increase patients who receive prevention education and clinically-indicated PrEP</td>
<td>Within 8 months of award add at least 0.5 full-time equivalent personnel to support access to and use of PrEP</td>
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<td>Increase linkage to HIV treatment</td>
<td>Enhance/Establish partnerships to support PCHP activities</td>
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# HIV Training and Technical Assistance

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<th>Fenway</th>
<th>HITEQ Center</th>
<th>AIDS Education Training Centers</th>
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<td>Technical assistance on HIV prevention and PrEP through Project ECHO</td>
<td>Training on integrating EHR and health information technology systems to inform HIV prevention and treatment in primary care</td>
<td>Capacity building on HIV testing, prevention, and linkage to and retention in care</td>
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<td>Regional train-the-trainer course on PrEP/HIV prevention</td>
<td>Technical assistance on EHR data integration, health IT optimization, and data collection</td>
<td>Practice transformation coaching to advance routine HIV testing, PrEP, and clinical treatment guidelines</td>
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<td>PrEP/HIV prevention distance learning series</td>
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<td>Technical assistance to support expanding models of integrated team-based care</td>
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Behavioral Health Service Expansion: Lessons Learned

FY14 Behavioral Health Integration
- $51 M

FY15 Behavioral Health Integration
- $54 M

FY16 Substance Abuse Service Expansion
- $94 M

FY17 Access Increases in Mental Health and Substance Abuse
- $200 M
  - ($100 M 1-time)
  - $100 M

FY18 Substance Use Disorder-Mental Health
- $350 M
  - ($200 M 1-time)
  - $150 M

FY19 Integrated Behavioral Health Services
- $200 M
Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)

Patients receiving MAT

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>Count</td>
<td>39,075</td>
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Providers* eligible to prescribe MAT

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<td>Count</td>
<td>1,700</td>
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Health centers providing MAT to patients

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<td>Count</td>
<td>376</td>
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*Definition of MAT providers expanded to include physician assistants and certified nurse practitioners in 2017.

Source: Uniform Data System - Table Other Data Elements 2017 and 2018, and HIT Information 2016
Thank You!

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