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National Cooperative Agreements

- Section 330 (i) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts to provide necessary technical and non-financial assistance to potential and existing health centers.
- The Health Resources and Services Administration’s Bureau of Primary Health Care (HRSA’s BPHC) supports health center programs that provide access to primary care health services for medically underserved communities and vulnerable populations, such as public housing residents.

The National Center for Health in Public Housing

- The mission of the National Center for Health in Public Housing (NCHPH) is to strengthen the capacity of Public Housing Primary Care (PHPC) health center programs, section 330 (i), and other health center grantees by providing training and a range of technical assistance.
- The goal is to increase the capacity and improve the performance of HRSA supported health center programs and other safety net providers in meeting the specialized health care needs of the public housing residents. The National Center for Health in Public Housing has developed materials for training and education, disseminated best practices and mentored new grantees.

Health Centers That Serve Public Housing Residents

- As of 2014, HRSA requires ALL Health Center Program award recipients and look-alikes, regardless of targeted special population-based funding, to report on the total number of patients served in sites located in or immediately accessible to public housing.
- Public housing means agency-developed, owned, or assisted low-income housing, including mixed finance projects, but excludes housing units with no public housing agency support other than section 8 housing vouchers.
- According to HRSA’s latest reports, there are 291 Health Centers located in or immediately accessible to public housing and 106 are PHPC recipients.
- The National Center for Health in Public Housing currently supports health centers in or immediately accessible to public housing in meeting the healthcare needs of 1,510,842 patients, including the 487,034 patients at 106 PHPC sites.
  - From the 487,034 patients:
    - 30.9% are less than 18 years old
    - 62.4% are adults (18-64)
    - 6.8% are older adults (65 and over)
    - 21.9% are uninsured
    - 58.4% receive Medicaid/ 7.7% receive Medicare
    - 62.3% patients with a poverty of 100% and below.

Sources: Housing and Health: Time Again for Public Health Action, 2002; Safe to Walk? Neighborhood Safety and Physical Activity Among Public Housing Residents, 2009; A Picture of Subsidized Housing, 2009
Health Status of HUD-Assisted Adults

- 33.5% are current smokers compared to 22% of other adults
- 16.3% have asthma compared to 8.7% of other adults
- 35.8% are in fair or poor health compared to 13.8% of other adults
- 61% have a disability compared to 35.4% of other adults
- 17.6% have diabetes compared to 9.5% of other adults


NCHPH provides the following:

- Conducts needs assessments with health center programs and health center program lookalikes to determine primary medical care service delivery needs among grantees that serve public housing residents
- Provides an annual Health Center and Public Housing National Symposium
- Offers remote, on-site, and one-on-one training and technical assistance and peer mentoring, and conducting a new HRSA BPHC grantee training and orientation call
- Develops protocols and tools
- Provides knowledge of health literacy and skills necessary to reading, understanding, and acting on basic health care information
- Facilitates outreach to public housing residents

Online Resources:

- PHPC Interviews
- Funding opportunity alerts
- Clinician Corner
- HRSA & CMS updates
- In the news
- Key issues
- Technical Assistance
- Public Housing Residents Tips
- Community resources
- Webinars
- Understanding ACOs & Understanding Medicare and Medicaid
- Printed publications of tools and resources: monographs; fact sheets; monthly newsletters; useful links
- Interactive maps
- Videos

For more information please visit: NCHPH: http://www.nchph.org

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