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HRSA - Bureau of Primary Health Care Consultant eNews

Welcome to the first issue of the HRSA-BPHC Consultant eNews!

Each quarter, we will bring you the latest news, resources, and reminders that you need to perform the work that is so vital to keeping our health centers and the people they serve thriving.

We hope you find this publication helpful as you are out in the field, and we would like your help as well. Please send us issues and topics for clarification from your on-site experiences to enews@mscginc.com so they can be included in future installments of the eNews. For our next edition, we are looking specifically to feature points in the Program Requirements that require more in-depth explanation.

Clinical Update - Substance Abuse Treatment Services

Suboxone Therapy is a special subset of substance abuse therapy and requires all providers to earn a special certificate in order to prescribe this medication for opiate detoxification. This service is not in the normal scope of practice for any provider at this time.

As a result, grantees providing this service need to submit a specialty change in scope (CIS). This service is not within the normal scope of substance abuse treatment options. A specialty CIS will help ensure the most accurate description of substance abuse services provided, allow for the most appropriate review of the request by BPHC Division clinical advisors, and achieve the best chance of FTCA coverage.

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PIN 98-23

The Bureau of Primary Health Care has expired PIN 98-23, Program

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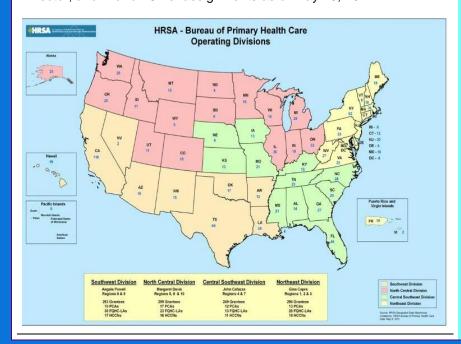
On March 2, 2012, the OIG issued a report titled "Quality Assurance and Care Provided at HRSA-Funded Health Centers ". This report was based on an analysis of 2006 Expectations. Please discontinue use of this document with HRSA/BPHC grantees and refrain from making reference to it in the site visit reports. In its stead, there are health center program requirement slides on the BPHC TA website BPHC TA website under "Top Health Center Tools" as well as the Health Center Site Visit Guide available to you.

Consultant Profile

Please take a few minutes to review your <u>consultant profile</u> and make sure that we have the most current information for you. We especially need your latest contact information and updates to your expertise description. Thank you.

Map of Four BPHC Divisions

The map of the four divisions includes Division Director, Operations Director, and Branch Chief assignments as of May 15, 2012.



- 2008 health center data and interviews with HRSA staff. Below is the link to the report. Please be sure to read pages 48-55 at the end of the report which covers the BPHC/HRSA formal response to the report. This will have an impact on future site visits.

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