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 Programs located in or immediately accessible to public housing 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 public housing residents. NCHPH has developed materials for training and education, disseminated best practices, and mentored new grantees.

Health Centers Located in or Immediately Accessible to Public Housing

There are 341 Health Center Programs located in or immediately accessible to public housing, serving 2.7 million patients.

- Of those, 106 receive Public Housing Primary Care (PHPC) grants and serve approximately 661,777 patients.

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.

Characteristics of PHPC Patients

- 30.89% are less than 18 years old
- 60.41% are adults (18-64)
- 8.69% are older adults (65 and over)
- 22.88% are uninsured
- 49.09% receive Medicaid/ 9.40% receive Medicare
- 3.82% Dual Eligible (Medicaid and Medicare)
- 69.15% patients at or below 100% of Federal Poverty

Source: HRSA, 2017 Health Center Program Data
Health Status of HUD-Assisted Adults:

Adults that receive federal assistance for housing have higher rates of chronic health conditions and are greater utilizers of health care than the general population.

- 35.8% are in fair or poor health vs. 13.8% of other adults
- 71% are overweight or obese vs. 64% of other adults
- 61% have a disability vs. 35.4% of other adults
- 17.6% have diabetes vs. 9.5% of other adults
- 33.5% are current smokers vs. 22% of other adults


NCHPH provides the following:

- Conducts needs assessments with Health Center Programs and look-alikes to determine primary medical care service delivery needs among grantees that serve public housing residents
- Providing an annual Health Center and Public Housing National Symposium
- Offers remote, on-site, and one-on-one training and technical assistance and peer mentoring, including 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 and collaborations with Public Housing Authorities

Online Resources

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

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