



HRSA Update

FUTURE OF SCN

The Sentinel Centers Network (SCN) has been in existence now for almost 6 years. The SCN was built on the premise that information from existing health center infrastructure could provide the needed insight on which to guide policy, assess quality and establish national benchmarks and best practices for primary health care.

The Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) and Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) are in the midst of many changes in the areas of quality and health information technology. The BPHC has announced forthcoming changes to the calendar year (CY) 2008 Uniform Data System (UDS) requirements, as well as moving grant acquisition and management activities to an on-line electronic process via the Electronic Handbooks (EHBs). The BPHC's goal is not only to align its quality measurement with that of HRSA and national quality organizations, but to support health centers in their endeavors to build HIT capacity by consolidating and adjusting data requirements. As a result of these changes, the BPHC has determined that the continuation of SCN places undue burden on participant health centers.

Therefore, BPHC has decided to cease further data collection activities after CY 2006 data. Participants are **encouraged** to complete any outstanding CY 2006 data submissions, as analyses are planned to determine the feasibility of conducting longitudinal investigations across three years of data (2004, 2005, and 2006). Preliminary patient linking rates across years look promising.

Our plan for the next year involves:

- Completing 2006 data collection
- Production of:
 - 2005 Supplemental Report
 - 2006 Individual Center Reports
 - 2006 Aggregate and Supplemental analytic reports
- Bi-monthly newsletters
- Data workgroup will be formed to develop a series of analyses that will focus on 2004-2006 SCN data.

Project participants are urged to submit research questions or potential topics for analyses for consideration by the data workgroup. The SCN team at Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI) will be contacting participants over the next several months for feedback on the 2005 and 2006 reports and the SCN data collection process.

Following the production of the aforementioned reports, the SCN team will conduct a meeting to close out the project.

SCN Participant Contracts

Participating centers were notified that their contracts with MPHI are amended to remove data submission requirements for calendar year 2007.

Invoices

Include the time period of data submission on your invoice and reference the SCN Project Number C-38807-18. Send to:

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Report Status

2005 AGGREGATE REPORT

The 2005 Aggregate Report was distributed on August 28. Please send questions or comments about this report to SCN@mphi.org. An electronic copy may be obtained at www.mphi.org/publications.aspx#crhop.

2005 SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

The supplemental report is expected to be distributed in the next few weeks.

REPORT FEEDBACK

Questions or comments about any of the SCN reports is important to the SCN team. Please continue to send them

Thank You

The SCN team at MPHI extends our sincere thanks to all participants for their hard work and cooperation over the past years. MPHI will need your **continued** participation and commitment as we strive to complete the data and reporting activities outlined in the HRSA Update.

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