



HRSA Update

SCN PROJECT OFFICER CHANGES

The SCN team wishes Amisha Pandya much success in her new venture with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Ms. Pandya will remain active with the SCN.

The SCN team extends a warm welcome to the new project officer, Latecia Engram, Public Health Analyst-Division of Health Center Development. Ms. Engram comes to the SCN from the Office of Policy and Program Development, where she was responsible for the Budget Period Renewal, Service Area Competition, and Service Expansion health center funding opportunities. Ms. Engram will oversee a series of exploratory analyses and development of future reports

SCN CONTINUES TO MOVE FORWARD

The previous edition of the newsletter outlined the future of SCN. But remember, although the SCN has discontinued collection of data, there is a very large amount of work to be done and much that SCN has to offer to HRSA and others. The SCN team is engaging in data discussions with additional HRSA staff about future analyses that will provide valuable information to HRSA.

The plan for the next year includes:

- 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.

2005 Supplemental Report Highlights

LEAD SCREENING & DIAGNOSIS AMONG CHILDREN

It is recommended that children with an increased risk of lead exposure be tested for lead at an early age to avoid neurological disorders later in life.

In 2005, the SCN health centers performed a total of 14,584 blood lead screening tests on children 9 to 72 months of age. This translates to a blood lead screening rate of 7.62%, which was slightly below the 2004 rate of 8.80%. However, among those children who were screened, the percentage of children diagnosed with elevated blood levels also decreased to 3.00% in 2005 from 3.71% in 2004. The overall percentage of children diagnosed with elevated blood lead levels, regardless of whether or not they were screened at the health center, was 0.87% for 2005, also below the 2004 rate of 1.12%.

More detailed information about the 2005 lead screening and diagnosis rates among children will be presented in the 2005 SCN Supplemental Report.

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

2006 INDIVIDUAL CENTER REPORTS

Production of the 2006 Individual Center Reports has begun and will be distributed by email. Please review your report upon receipt to ensure the accuracy of your center's data. Please send questions or comments about this report to SCN@mphi.org.

REPORT FEEDBACK

Please continue to send questions or comments about any of the SCN reports to SCN@mphi.org.

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