UDS Modernization Project

The UDS is undergoing a modernization project to facilitate the submission process. The Health Resources and Services Administration, Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) is modernizing the UDS in order to reduce reporting burden, improve data quality and usage, and better describe the impact of Health Center Program services and outcomes.

UDS Submission

Goal: *Streamline reporting burden and increase data integrity*

As a result of modernization, there will be frequent updates to the UDS reporting process, including new information technology functionalities, which will streamline reporting burden by automating data submission (voluntary for health centers).

One of the first steps is the launch of the Performance Data Collection Environment (PDCE). The new functionality is available to health centers to access the UDS reporting process earlier than January 1, 2018. This early access to the system allows users to enter and validate partial UDS-related data. This may be especially useful for new reporters and for teams interested in getting better acquainted with the system, while allowing all reporters more time to use the system to investigate data-reporting issues.

UDS Content

Goal: *Leverage electronic health record (EHR) extraction and support data standardization*

The content of UDS reporting will be updated to ensure it reflects improvements in patient-centered care and an evolving primary care setting. Flexible submission options enable health centers to select a process compatible with their operational maturity and existing information technologies. Efforts to improve, streamline, and modernize the UDS reporting process include:

- **Development of the PDCE** to create an opportunity for health centers to access and prepare for the data collection **four months** prior to the beginning of the reporting year.

- **Earlier public release of the 2017 UDS Reporting Manual** to facilitate timely and accurate reporting (released August 2017).

- **Alignment with the current Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs)** for more comparable and streamlined data collection and reporting.

- **Release of validation edit formulas** to facilitate accurate data reporting on the UDS Report (released September 2017).

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Performance Data Collection Environment

Goal: *Facilitate access and use of data-reporting system and tools for data review*

The PDCE can be accessed in the Electronic Handbooks (EHB) in the same location as the traditional UDS Report (https://grants3.hrsa.gov/2010/WebEPSExternal/Interface/common/accesscontrol/login.aspx).

There are a few key things to keep in mind in using the PDCE:

- The PDCE is considered a "pre-production environment." This pre-production environment is intended to be used from September – December 2017.

- The traditional UDS Report that is to be submitted by February 15, 2018 is considered the "production environment" and will be available on January 1, 2018.

- Although edits are included in the PDCE to help health center grantees identify potential data errors, those that compare data between years are suppressed until January 2018, as are others that require a full calendar year of data for validation. The full set of edits will be available in the production environment.

- If a health center uses the PDCE, they will have the option to transfer data entered in the PDCE to the UDS reporting production environment in January, if desired. This will be a one-time action. Transfer data using the "Publish Data" feature only if it contains complete data through December 31, 2017 or to update the data fields manually to reflect the calendar year. If a health center would rather not publish the data from the PDCE, then the system will provide them with an option not to publish.

- Although data used in the PDCE may be partial or interim data, ensure data reported in the actual UDS Report submission production environment reflects data for a full 2017 calendar year.

- Health centers will not have access to the PDCE during the review period, from February 15 through March 31, 2018. During this time, a HRSA UDS Reviewer will work with health centers, as needed, to correct potential data errors. Final, corrected submissions are due no later than March 31, 2018.

For more information on the UDS Modernization Project, visit the BPHC website (https://bphc.hrsa.gov/datareporting/reporting/udsmodernization.html).

For more information on the UDS reporting, manual and validations, visit the BPHC website (https://bphc.hrsa.gov/datareporting/reporting/index.html).

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