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The Programs We Deliver

- ✓ Community Health Centers
- ✓ National Health Service Corps
- ✓ Workforce Training for Primary Care, Public Health, Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, and Geriatrics
- ✓ Workforce Diversity
- ✓ Children's Hospital GME
- ✓ Practitioner Databanks
- ✓ Maternal and Child Health
- ✓ Healthy Start
- ✓ Stop Bullying Now!
- ✓ Poison Control
- ✓ Ryan White HIV/AIDS
- ✓ Rural Health Policy & Programs
- ✓ Telehealth
- ✓ Health Care for the Homeless
- ✓ Migrant Health Centers
- ✓ Native Hawaiian Health
- ✓ Vaccine Injury Compensation
- ✓ Hansen's Disease (Leprosy)
- ✓ 340B Drug Pricing
- ✓ Organ Donation & Transplantation
- ✓ And more...

HRSA Regions' Transformation

From: Office of Performance Review (which was largely focused on conducting performance reviews of HRSA's grantees)


To: Office of Regional Operations (effective with FRN issued September 21, 2009)

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Intended Results of ORO Transformation

- Grantees will experience increased coordination of Federal resources:
 - across HRSA programs
 - with other HHS agencies, and other Depts.
 - in states and communities
- Enhanced emphasis on public health, clinical quality and reducing disparities
- Enhanced monitoring and analysis of health care environmental issues

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HRSA and the Affordable Care Act

- HRSA has been identified as the lead for more than 50 provisions in the new law.
 - 17 of the provisions have immediate activities to implement in FY2010.
 - 6 of the 17 provisions are authorized and appropriated in the Affordable Care Act for FY2010.
- 35 of the provisions have authorization for activities in FY2011 and beyond.
- There are several provisions where HRSA has been identified as a key partner with other agencies.

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The Affordable Care Act Builds on HRSA Recovery Act Funding

\$2 billion:
Community Health Centers

\$300 million:
National Health Service Corps

\$200 million:
Health Professions



National Health Service Corps



The Affordable Care Act Builds on:

Significant Program Expansion

- \$300 million in expansion funds for the NHSC from the Recovery Act
- More than 6,700 clinicians presently serving
- 7,358 Primary Care Providers estimated in 2010 vs. 4,760 in 2009
- Over 8,600 NHSC-Approved sites; 46% Community Health Centers

Recent Program Improvements



- Simplifying the NHSC site application and approval process.
- Examining NHSC disciplines to ensure the primary care workforce needs are supported.
- Assessing NHSC program implementation with the goal of driving more people into primary health care careers to meet public needs.

National Health Service Corps and the Affordable Care Act

- Reauthorization of NHSC Program through 2015
- Increases Maximum Loan Repayment Award from \$35,000 to \$50,000
- Allows for Half-Time Opportunities; 2 & 4 Year Contracts
 - Expanded to Include Loan Repayment & Scholarship Programs
- NHSC Funding in the Community Health Center & NHSC Fund

• FY2011: \$290 million	• FY2014: \$305 million
• FY2012: \$295 million	• FY2015: \$310 million
• FY2013: \$300 million	

National Health Service Corps and the Affordable Care Act (cont.)

- Teaching as Clinical Practice - Up to 20% Credit for Service Obligation.
- Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Program - Up to 50% Credit for Service Obligation.
- Provides for Reappointment of National Advisory Council
- Extends Tax-Free benefit to recipients of State Loan Repayment Program awards.
- Allows Indian Health Facilities that serve only Tribal members to qualify as an NHSC site.



HRSA ORO Core Functions

- Represent the Administrator and the Agency at meetings that support HRSA's mission, and play a key role in implementing the Affordable Care Act and ARRA;
- Create and maintain linkages and partnerships across HHS and with other Federal Departments, and across state/regional public health organizations, including collaborative efforts on HRSA's public health agenda;

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Mission (continued)

- Participate in regional tribal consultations, support joint IHS/HRSA initiatives, and collaborate with tribes;
- Support HRSA's cross cutting programs (expansion of the 340B drug discount pricing) and public health initiatives such as oral health and behavioral health;





State Collaboration

Generate & sustain **collaborative** efforts among PCAs, PCOs, SORHs, State Maternal and Child Health, and HIV/AIDS program



With its agency-wide focus, ORO will lead HRSA's state-collaboration efforts with an aim to:

- establish new and/or maintain key relationships
- identify opportunities to align and leverage HRSA resources, local assets, and state priorities

Surveillance/ Environmental Scan

- HRSA Regions will provide ongoing **surveillance** and analysis on health care environmental trends through monthly surveillance reports for HRSA's Administrator, and Bureau and Office leadership.
- Benefits to grantees include increased HRSA awareness of the impact of local conditions on grantees

Other Activities

- Conduct **other activities** designed to improve access to quality care, reduce disparities and improve public health
 - provide regional leadership on the DHHS and HRSA Breakthrough Collaboratives (e.g. Healthy Weight and Patient Safety Pharmacy Collaboratives);
 - support outreach efforts to achieve meaningful use of electronic health records amongst HRSA-supported safety net providers, in cooperation with CMS and ONC.




Where to find more information

- Affordable Care Act:
www.healthcare.gov
- HRSA website at www.hrsa.gov





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