

COVID-19 Updates April 28, 2020

Weekly Notification

Due to the matters of Covid-19, we are continually sending updates that may affect our Health Centers and highlighting the importance of the 340B Program

Important Updates

The NACHC released information demonstrating the impacts of Covid-19 on health centers through HRSA's weekly surveys.

- 56,440 tests conducted, 9,292 patients tested positive and 1,381 staff tested positive
- 52% of visits were conducted virtually
- 2,073 health centers temporarily closed due to Covid-19
- <https://www.nachc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Health-Center-Response-to-COVID-19-Infographic-Final.pdf>

Funding

- Announced on April 22nd the CARES ACT allocated \$10 billion for Rural Health Clinics and Hospitals for provider relief. These funds are to be used to help make up for lost revenue and in turn decrease closures.
- HRSA's Federal Office of Rural Health Policy will distribute more than \$11.5 million from the underserved areas to combat Covid-19
- Approval of the \$255 million grant program for Rural Health Clinics for testing, diagnosis, and other related expenses due to Covid-19

Testing

- Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction Test that detects if the patient has a genome of the virus through a nostril swab.
- Pixel by LabCorp has been approved by the FDA on April 20th to offer at home testing for healthcare workers and 1st responders.
- Serology testing which detects if a person has built up antibodies in order to get a better understanding nationally of patients that have been infected and recovered.

Compliance

HRSA is continually strict with their guidelines on 340B compliance. However, some rules and regulations have changed in order to meet the needs of every health center operating under these uncertain times. RPHI is dedicated to providing our clients the resources they many need to continue servicing their patients during this Pandemic. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions regarding the 340B Compliance Changes and Requirements, documentation needs and additional support in accessing potential funding for your programs during this State of Emergency. 340B Programs are still key in providing patient access!

Please contact us if there are any further questions as we are available by phone or email.
Stay safe and healthy!