

Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant
Local and Tribal Health Department Quality Criteria
Grant Cycle: October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023 (FFY22)

Quality Criteria

Generally high program quality criteria for the delivery of quality and cost-effective administration of health care programs have been, and will continue to be, required in each public health program to be operated under the terms of this contract. Contractors should indicate the manner in which they will assure each criterion is met for this program. Those criteria include:

Public health assessment and surveillance that identify community needs, and supports systematic, competent program planning and sound policy development with activities focused at both the individual and jurisdictional levels.

- a) Involvement of key policymakers and the general public in the development of comprehensive public health plans.
- b) Development and implementation of a plan to address issues related to access to high priority public health services for every member of the community.
- c) Identification of the scientific basis (evidence base) for the intervention.

Delivery of public health services to citizens by qualified health professionals in a manner that is family centered, culturally competent, where the scientific basis for the intervention can be documented (evidence-based practice), as well as delivery of public health programs for communities for the improvement of health status.

Record keeping for individual-focused services that assures documentation and tracking of client health care needs, response to known health care problems on a timely basis, and confidentiality of client information.

Information, education, and outreach programs intended to address known health risks in the general and certain target populations to encourage appropriate decision-making by those at risk and to affect policy and environmental changes at the community level.

Provision of public information and education, and/or outreach activities focused on high-risk populations that increase awareness of disease risks, environmental health risks, and appropriate preventive activities.

When issuing statements, press releases, publications, requests for proposal, bid solicitations and other documents --such as tool-kits, resource guides, websites, and presentations (hereafter "statements") --describing the projects or programs funded in whole or in part with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) federal funds, the recipient must clearly state:

- a) the percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the program or project funded with federal money; and,
- b) the percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program funded by non-governmental sources

If a conference/meeting/seminar is funded by the contract, the recipient must include the following statement on conference materials, including promotional materials, agenda, and internet sites:

Funding for this conference was made possible (in part) by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The views expressed in written conference materials or publications and by speakers and moderators do not necessarily reflect the official policies of the Department of Health and Human Services, nor does the mention of trade names, commercial practices, or organizations imply endorsement by the U.S. Government.

Coordination with related programs to assure that identified public health needs are addressed in a comprehensive, cost-effective manner across programs and throughout the community.

A referral network sufficient to assure the accessibility and timely provision of services to address identified public health care needs.

Provision of guidance to staff through program and policy manuals and other means sufficient to assure quality health care and cost-effective program administration.

Financial management practices sufficient to assure accurate eligibility determination, appropriate use of state and federal funds, prompt and accurate billing and payment for services provided and purchased, accurate expenditure reporting, and, when required, pursuit of third-party insurance and Medical Assistance Program coverage of services provided. Program-specific data collection, analysis, and reporting to assure program outcome goals are met or to identify program management problems that need to be addressed.

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