



## RECOMMENDATIONS: REPORTING ON PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS FOR THE 2015 UNIFORM DATA SYSTEM

### A. Background:

Starting with the 2014 Uniform Data System (UDS), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) requires **ALL** Health Center Program Grantee and Look-Alike health centers, regardless of targeted special population-based funding, to report on the total number of patients known to reside in public housing or accessible to public housing in line 26 of UDS Table 4 (Selected Patient Characteristics).

### B. 2015 UDS instruction text for reporting public housing patients:

HRSA Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) 2015 UDS Reporting Instructions Manual (2015 UDS Manual, page 49):

<http://bphc.hrsa.gov/datareporting/reporting/2015udsmanual.pdf>

**Public Housing, Line 26:** All health centers should report on public housing patients, consistent with the reporting practice for other statutorily required special populations. Patients should be counted as residents of public housing if they are served at health center sites that meet the statutory Public Housing Primary Care (PHPC) definition (located in or immediately accessible to public housing) regardless of whether the health center site receives PHPC funding. Public housing means agency-developed, owned, or assisted low-income housing, including mixed finance projects, but excludes housing units with no public housing agency support other than section 8 housing vouchers. For information on public housing, please see the HUD Website at [http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/programs/ph](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph).

### C. Strategies to conducting a “Place-Based approach” to counting Public Housing residents:

1. <u>Ask the following questions for each health center site separately:</u>	2. <u>Advantages:</u>	3. <u>Challenges/considerations:</u>
<p>a. Is the health center site <b>located in</b> public housing?</p> <p>b. Is the health center site <b>accessible to</b> public housing? <b>Note:</b> determining whether a health center site is accessible to public housing is at the discretion of the health center’s administration.</p> <p>c. <b>If yes, count ALL patients</b> at this health center site as public housing patients. <b>Note:</b> Each health center must clearly define “accessible to” and be able to support the definition with data. Please make note of this logic in the comments section of UDS report.</p> <p>d. <b>If no, count NO patients</b> at this health center site as public housing patients.</p> <p>e. Aggregate number of public housing residents at all health center sites and report that number on <b>line 26</b> of Table 4 in the UDS report.</p>	<p>a. “Place-Based” data offers an account of the local area; <b>social determinants of health</b> could be extrapolated.</p> <p>b. <b>Embraces</b> patients who formerly lived in public housing and who have continued to utilize this health center site for services.</p> <p>c. <b>Streamlines</b> workflow; lessens reporting burden.</p> <p>d. <b>Maximizes</b> patient care; minimizes intake processing.</p>	<p>a. High degree of <b>variability</b> in definition of patients living “accessible to” public housing.</p> <p>b. The number reported does <b>not exclusively</b> reflect patients living in public housing.</p>

### D. Recommendations:

Community Health Partners for Sustainability encourages health centers to determine whether your health center site/s is located in public housing or accessible to public housing. **If yes, report all patients on line 26 of the UDS report.** If not, report no patients on line 26. If you are interested in additional guidance on this measure or in capturing a more comprehensive picture of the number of public housing residents at your health center, please contact Community Health Partners for additional guidance on best practices.

**For more information and/or clarification please contact Alex Lehr O’Connell, Director, Community Health Partners for Sustainability at 215-731-7141 or [alex@chpfs.org](mailto:alex@chpfs.org).**

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