

EXECUTIVE ORDER 14087

Expanding Access to Community Health Services

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Overview

This executive order directs federal agencies to expand access to comprehensive primary care services through community health centers, with emphasis on serving medically underserved areas and vulnerable populations.

Policy Statement

Health care is a right, not a privilege. The Federal Government must ensure that all Americans, regardless of income, insurance status, or geographic location, have access to quality primary care services. Community health centers play a vital role in providing comprehensive, culturally competent care to underserved populations.

Key Requirements

Health center proposals must demonstrate:

1. **Service Area Needs:** Document medically underserved area designation and health professional shortage area status. Provide demographic and health outcome data for target population.
2. **Comprehensive Services:** Offer primary care, dental, mental health, and substance abuse services. Include enabling services such as case management, transportation, and interpretation.
3. **Access and Availability:** Maintain extended hours including evenings and weekends. Ensure accessibility for persons with disabilities and those with limited English proficiency.
4. **Sliding Fee Scale:** Implement income-based sliding fee discount program ensuring services available regardless of ability to pay.
5. **Quality Measures:** Participate in health center quality improvement programs and track clinical quality measures including chronic disease management and preventive care

utilization.

Grant Compliance Standards

Applications must address:

- Current service area designation as medically underserved - Governance structure including patient majority on board of directors - Cultural competency plan and language access services - Integration of behavioral health and primary care services - Health information technology implementation supporting care coordination - Financial sustainability model with diverse payer mix - Partnerships with hospitals and specialty care providers for referral networks - Performance targets for patient volume, services provided, and health outcomes