

Health Resources and Services Administration

Healthy Communities, Healthy People



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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...**

The People We Serve

- Nearly 19 million patients are served through HRSA-funded health centers, including 1 in 3 people with incomes below the poverty level.
- Over 500,000 people living with HIV/AIDS receive HRSA's Ryan White services. Two-thirds are members of minority groups.
- 34 million women, infants, children, and adolescents benefit from HRSA's maternal and child health programs.
- About 14,000 safety net providers participate in HRSA's 340B program that provides access to discount drug purchases.
- Currently more than 6,700 National Health Service Corps clinicians are (or will be) working in underserved areas in exchange for loan repayment or scholarships.





General Comments on Study

- Consider increased focus on social determinants of health to include:
 - Mental health (e.g. PTSD, Depression)
 - Substance Use
- Consider including data elements to assess family impact

Comments on Study Methodology

- Consider a control cohort outside of the Gulf region
- Consider variation of exposures. Some workers may have only worked one day on clean up activities
- No details on sample size calculations for the tests
 - What is the expected baseline for PFTs in this sample of adults (many of whom may smoke)
 - What will be the sensitivity of the PFTs at the end of the study – do you need to control for the effect on PFTs of aging and smoking
- Consider evaluating children of workers with the longest exposures



HRSA's Involvement To Date in Gulf Oil Disaster Response

- Informed HRSA grantees in affected areas to look for:
 - Possible signs and symptoms of physical effects
 - Need for social and behavioral services for the population we serve
- As Federal emergencies are declared, HRSA sends messages to grantees to assess needs and provide guidance



HRSA Resources Available to Gulf Region

- HRSA, through a competitive grant process, will award funds to support more than 350 New Access Points for the delivery of primary health care services for underserved and vulnerable populations under the Health Center Program in FY 2011.
 - Some of these grants could go to qualifying entities in the impacted area.
- The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program provides loan repayment to eligible clinicians to work in underserved areas to expand access to health care. Used to attract primary care clinicians to the Gulf Coast region



HRSA Resources Available to Gulf Region

- HRSA funds behavioral health expansion grants (BPHC) to FQHCs.
- Enables CHCs to enhance existing behavioral health services or fund new services to facilitate integration of behavioral health care into primary care



What More Can HRSA Provide?

- Additional funding could provide training in detection, surveillance, prevention and treatment of oil spill-related illnesses (physical and behavioral) to health care practitioners (NHSC and others) practicing in gulf-area, HRSA-funded FQHCs and look-alikes.
- Facilitate collaboration with and/or leveraging grantee educational institutions and/or stakeholder associations such as the National Association of Community Health Centers, and gulf-area primary care associations and state primary care offices.
- Engage HRSA-funded Area Health Education Centers (AHECs) and Geriatric Education Centers (GECs) which can assist by developing and disseminating curricula and information relating to the surveillance, recognition, and treatment of health problems that may result from the oil spill.



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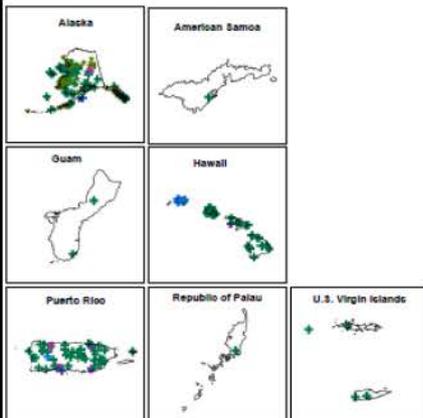
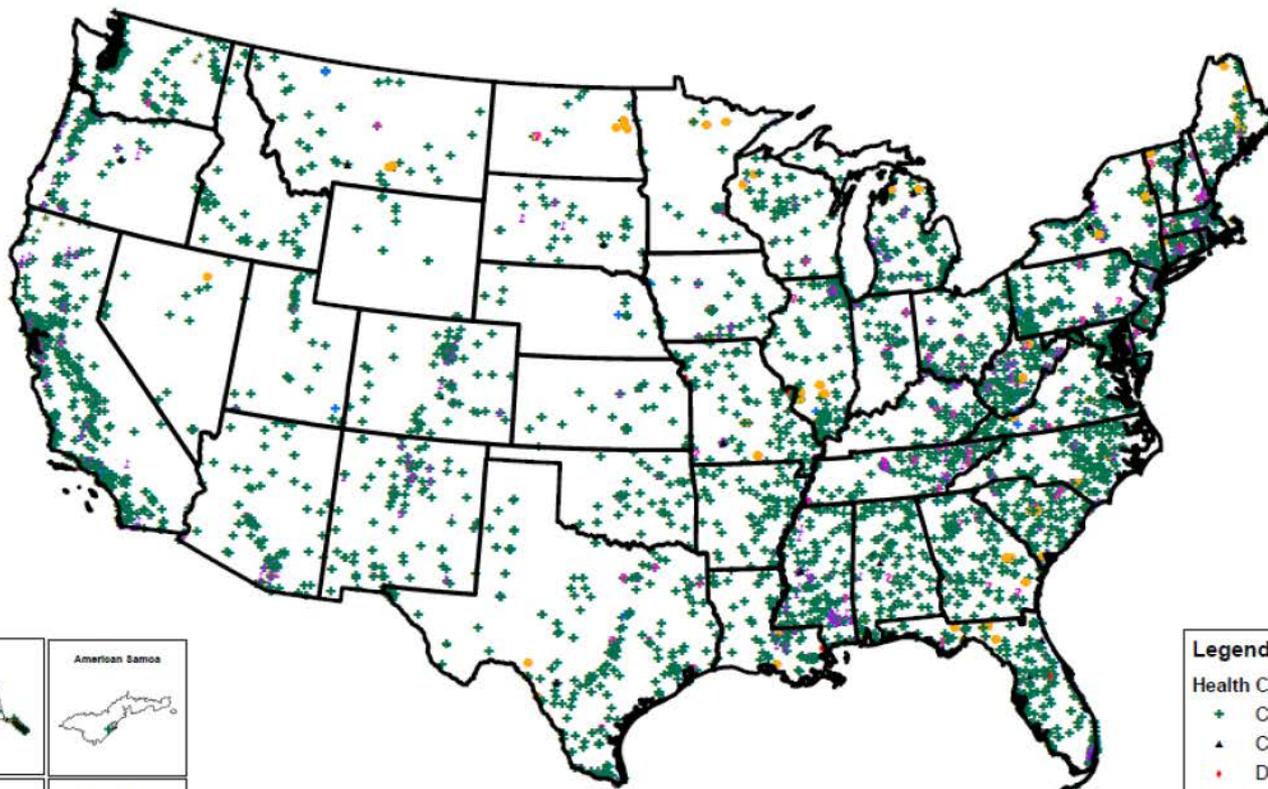
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HRSA Bureau of Primary Health Care Primary Care Health Centers

Data as of Aug 17 2010



Legend

Health Centers

- ✦ Community Health Centers
- ▲ Correctional Facility
- Domestic Violence
- ✦ Hospital
- Nursing Home
- ✦ School
- ✦ Tribal
- ✦ All Other Types

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