
42 C.F.R. § 56.303

Project elements.

A migrant health center supported under this subpart must:

- (a) Provide the health services of the center so that such services are available and accessible promptly, as appropriate, and in a manner which will assure continuity of service to the migratory and seasonal agricultural workers and their families within the center's catchment area.
- (b) Implement a system for maintaining the confidentiality of patient records in accordance with the requirements of § 56.111 of subpart A of this part.
- (c) Have an ongoing quality assurance program which provides for the following:
 - (1) Organizational arrangements, including a focus of responsibility, to support the quality assurance program and the provision of high quality patient care;
 - (2) Periodic assessment of the appropriateness of the utilization of services and the quality of services provided or proposed to be provided by the center, and by other providers through contract or other cooperative arrangement with the center. Such assessments must:
 - (i) Be conducted by physicians or by other appropriate health professionals under the supervision of physicians or, as appropriate, by health professionals who are peers of the health professionals who provided the services;
 - (ii) Be based on the systematic collection and evaluation of patient records; and
 - (iii) Identify and document the necessity for change in the provision of services by the center and result in the institution of such change, where indicated.
- (d) Develop management and control systems which are in accordance with sound financial management procedures, including the provision for an audit (1) conducted in accordance with the "Guide for Audits of Migrant Health Grants" of the DHHS Audit Agency, and (2) conducted with reasonable frequency, usually annually but not less frequently than every two years (unless waived for cause by the Secretary), to be made by qualified individuals who are sufficiently independent of those who authorize the expenditure of Federal funds to produce unbiased opinions, conclusions, or judgments, and to determine, at a minimum, the fiscal integrity of grant financial transactions and reports, and compliance with the applicable regulations of this part and the terms and conditions of the grant.

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