Uniform Data System (UDS) Staff Tip Sheet

What is UDS?

The Uniform Data System (UDS) is a standardized reporting system used by health centers funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in the United States. It collects data on patient demographics, services provided, clinical processes, outcomes, staffing, and financial information. UDS reporting is **mandatory** for HRSA-funded health centers and helps in monitoring and improving healthcare quality.

Why is UDS Important?

- Ensures compliance with HRSA requirements.
- Provides data for performance analysis and quality improvement.
- Supports funding decisions and policy-making.

Key Measures Reported in UDS

Category	Measures
Patient Demographics	Age, gender, race, ethnicity, income level, insurance status.
Services Provided	Medical, dental, mental health, substance use, enabling services.
Clinical Quality Measures	- Hypertension Control: Patients aged 18-85 with controlled BP (<140/90 mmHg). - Diabetes Control: Patients aged 18-75 with HbA1c <9%. - Colorectal Cancer Screening: Adults 50-75 with appropriate screening - Cervical Cancer Screening: Women 21-64 with appropriate screening. - Childhood Immunizations: Children with recommended immunizations by age two. - Depression Screening: Patients screened for depression with follow-up. - Weight Assessment and Counseling: For children and adults on nutrition and physical activity.
Operational Data	Staffing levels, staff credentials, patient visit counts.
Financial Data	Total revenues, expenses, costs by service type.

*Does not include all Clinical Quality measures

Tips for Accurate UDS Reporting

- Regularly update patient records for accuracy.

- Use standardized codes for services and diagnoses.

- Maintain clear documentation of services provided.

- Review UDS manual for updates and reporting guidelines.

- Coordinate with all departments for complete and accurate data submission.

Who to Contact

For further assistance or questions about UDS, please contact your organization's UDS Coordinator or Support Team, or contact practicesupport@ncahec.net.