

External Accreditation- An Achievable Goal for All Health Centers

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HRSA Accreditation Initiative Goals

- Provide structure for health centers to integrate ongoing quality improvement into daily operations
- Increase health centers' competitiveness in the marketplace

HRSA's Vision for Accreditation Overview

- Accreditation is a key component of HRSA/BPHC's quality improvement goals
 - ◆ It integrates disparate programs and initiatives
 - ◆ It is the bedrock for institutionalized, data driven performance improvement
 - ◆ It is the framework for an environment of safe, appropriate, and effective care

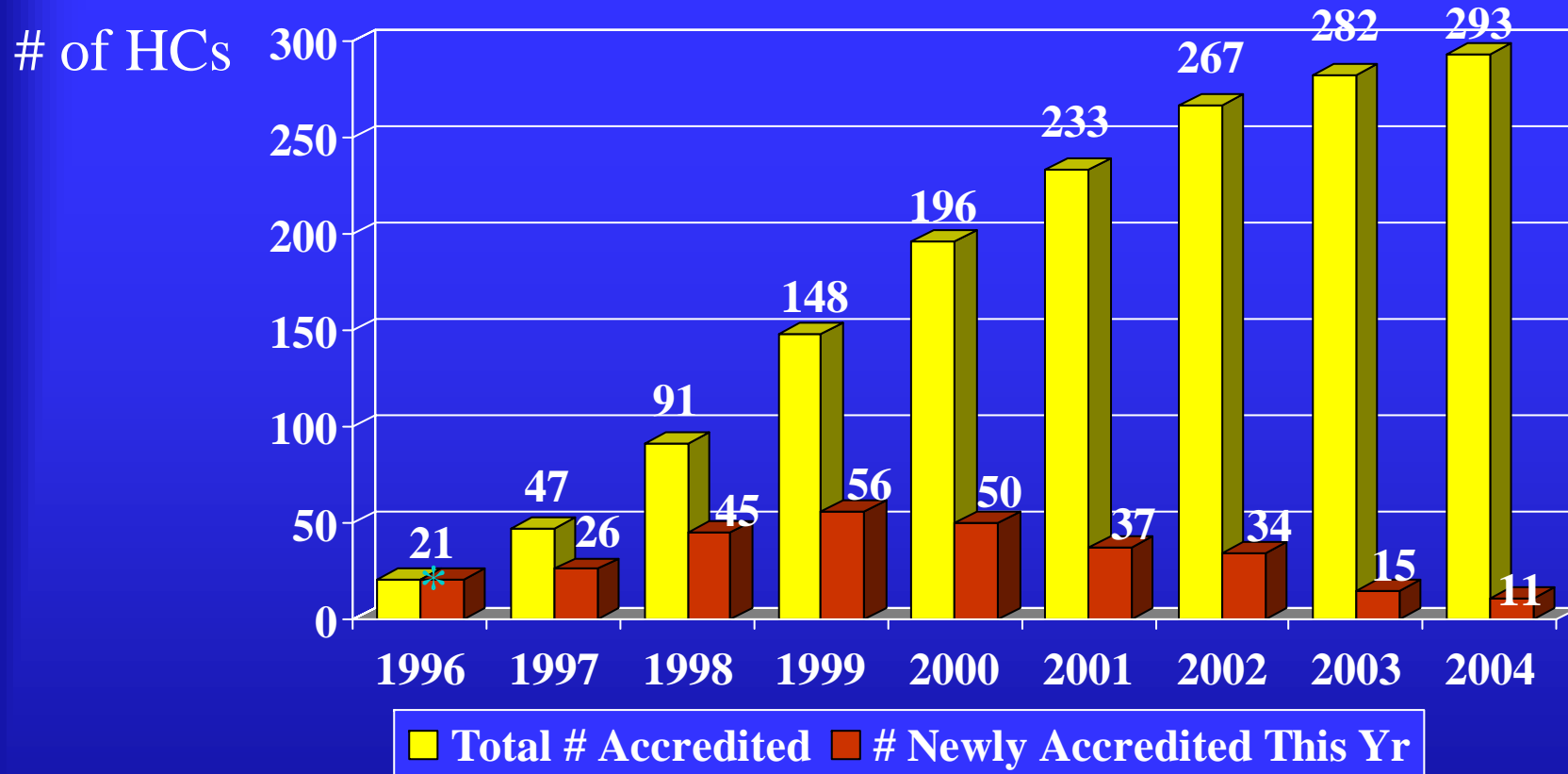
HRSA Accreditation Initiative Overview

- Annual growth in number of health centers accredited since program inception in 1997
- Numerous anecdotal benefits of accreditation
 - ◆ Patients and Patient Services
 - ◆ Finances, Productivity, and Competitive Position
 - ◆ Staff Attitude and Activities
 - ◆ Patient and Staff Safety
- Formally evaluating the impact of accreditation on:
 - ◆ Health center competitiveness and quality
 - ◆ Improvement of structure and process

HRSA Accreditation Initiative Overview

- Currently, there are accredited health centers in 42 States and Puerto Rico
- There is a fairly even mix of urban and rural centers
- 61% of the accredited centers receive 330(e) funding exclusively
- The remainder receive a mix of funds (except for 2 stand-alone HCH projects)

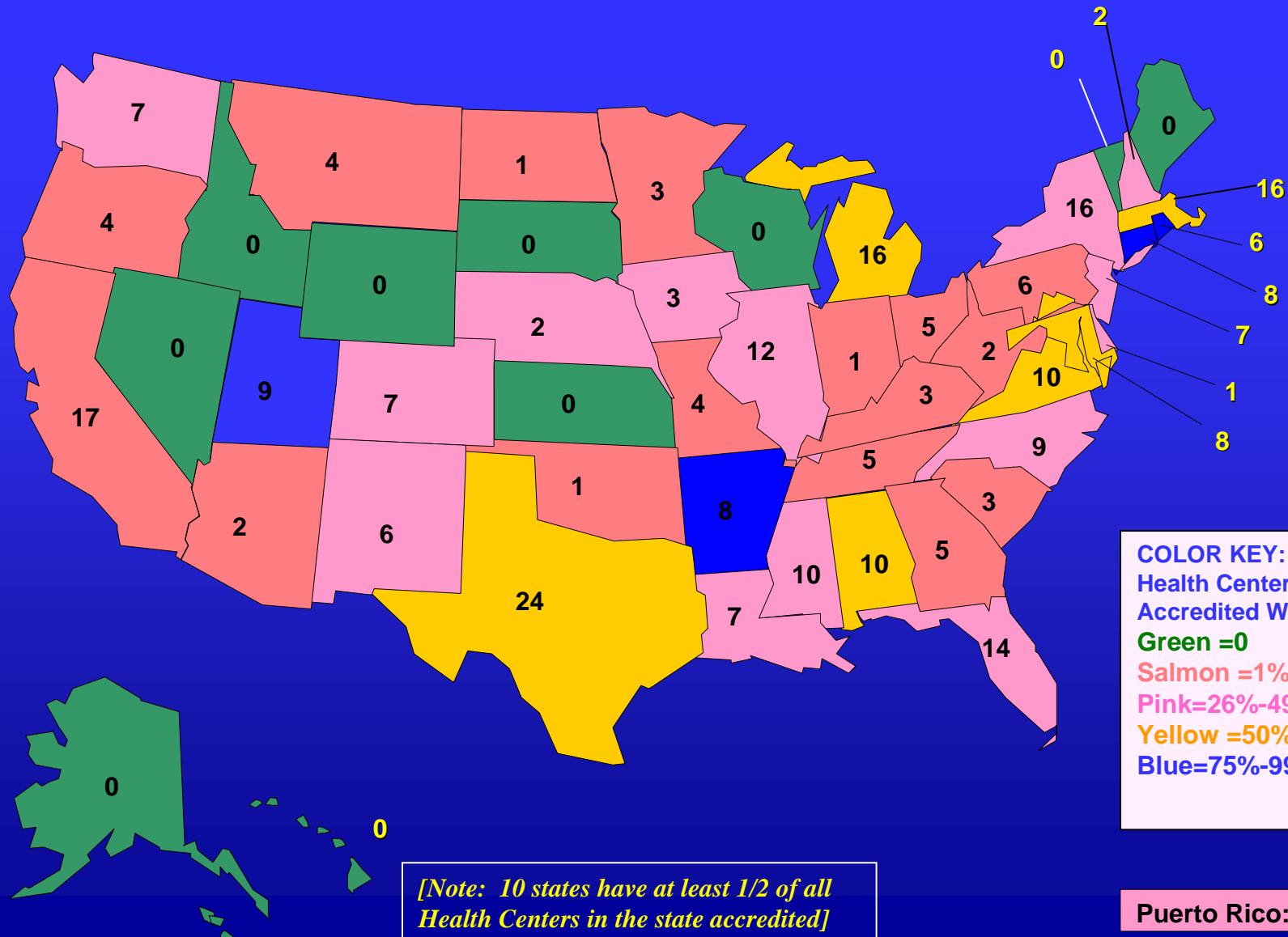
Health Centers Accredited 1996 - 2004



*Accredited from 1975 through 1996

Source: JCAHO

JCAHO ACCREDITED HEALTH CENTERS AS OF January 1, 2005 TOTAL ACCREDITED = 293



HRSA Accreditation Initiative

Benefits of Accreditation

- Is a benchmark of quality
- Increases competitiveness in the marketplace
- Enhances staff recruitment and retention
- Improves staff morale and cohesion
- Provides systemic performance improvement

HRSA Accreditation Initiative 2005 and Beyond

- Current contract ends October 2005
- Opportunity to explore various accreditation options
- Plan is to broaden the options for health centers seeking external accreditation of their ambulatory care services

HRSA Accreditation Initiative

Key Message

- HRSA/BPHC strongly supports health center accreditation by an independent third party as a key indicator of safe, appropriate, and effective health care
- The Accreditation Program is an integral part of HRSA/BPHC/DCQ's broader health care quality improvement vision

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