

# Healthcare Systems Bureau



## PRIMARY HEALTH CARE ALL GRANTEE MEETING

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# HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS BUREAU

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n Administers the following programs:

Transplantation

Hospital Preparedness

340B Drug Pricing Program

Vaccine Injury Compensation

Smallpox Vaccine Injury Compensation

State Planning Grants

Health Care and Other Facilities

Hospital Facilities and Loans

Poison Control Centers

Trauma- EMS Systems



# 1. Transplantation

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## n Mission

- n Oversee the Nation's Solid Organ Transplant System and the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients
- n Oversee the National Bone Marrow Donor Registry
- n Develop and Implement National Programs to increase organ, tissue, marrow and cord blood, and blood donation

## n Collaborative Opportunities:

- n Outreach with local organ procurement organizations on education activities
- n Long term follow-up on eligible stable transplant recipients



## 2. Hospital Preparedness

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- n Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness Program

- n Part of President's Homeland Security Initiative
- n FY 2005 Budget was \$471 million
  - n Cooperative agreements to States

### Purpose:

- n To ready the preparedness of the Nation's hospitals and collaborating entities to respond to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies.



# Hospital Preparedness

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- n To develop and implement regional plans to improve the capacity of hospitals, their emergency departments, outpatient centers, EMS systems, and other collaborating health care entities for responding to incidents requiring mass immunization, treatment, isolation and quarantine in the aftermath of bioterrorism, outbreaks of infectious disease and other public health emergencies.



# Hospital Preparedness

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## Potential role of CHCs in Preparedness

- n Participation in National and Regional Preparedness exercises
- n Points of Dispensing for the Strategic National Stockpile
- n Family Collection Centers for members of the community
- n Triage sites for the population they serve as well as for the surrounding community

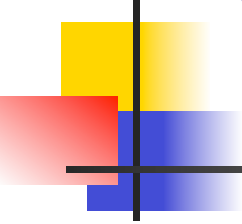


# Hospital Preparedness

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## Potential role of CHCs in Preparedness (contd.)

- n Decontamination – Providing some type of decontamination if they have clients showing up who feel they have been exposed
- n Specialty services – Sites with diagnostic capabilities such as operating room suites or x-ray may be asked through a memorandum of understanding to be able to provide additional services to their community.
- n Mental Health – Provide mental health services to their community for the “worried well.”



# 3. Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) and the 340B Drug Pricing Program

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- n Purpose: To increase access to clinically and economically effective pharmacy services for 340B safety-net providers.
  - n Drug manufactures must provide discount or rebates to specified HHS assisted programs and hospitals that serve a disproportionate share of low income patients.
  - n Eligible entities: Community health centers, black lung clinics, AIDS drug assistance centers, Ryan White grantees, disproportionate share hospitals, Tribal 638 and Urban Indian clinics, and family planning clinics, etc.



# 340B Drug Pricing Program

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- n Significant 340B cost savings
  - n Drug costs are among the lowest available
  - n Savings can be used to provide additional patient services
- n Additional cost savings through 340B Prime Vendor contract
  - n Prices can be lower than 340B prices because of negotiated purchasing agreements
- n Technical assistance through the Pharmacy Services Support Center through a contract with the American Pharmacist Association
- n Information: <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/opa> or (800) 628-6297



## 4. Vaccine Injury Compensation

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### Purpose:

- n To ensure individuals who are injured by mandated childhood vaccines are provided with fair and efficient compensation
- n To ensure a stable vaccine supply by limiting liability for manufacturers and administrators
- n Provides a no-fault alternative to the traditional tort system for resolving vaccine injury claims
- n Jointly administered by: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, US Court of Federal Claims and U.S. Department of Justice



# Vaccine Injury Compensation

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## Vaccines recommended by CDC for routine administration to children:

- n Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTP, DTaP, DT, TT, or Td)
- n Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib)
- n Hepatitis A
- n Hepatitis B
- n Influenza (given during annual flu season) – Effective July 1
- n Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR or any components)
- n Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV)
- n Polio (OPV or IPV)
- n Rotavirus (RV)
- n Varicella (chicken pox)



# Vaccine Injury Compensation – Funding

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- n Awards are paid from the Vaccine Injury Compensation Trust Fund, funded from an excise tax of \$0.75 on each dose of covered vaccine purchased
- n Current Trust Fund balance is \$2 billion
- n Annual awards average \$55 million
  - n Reasonable attorney fees may be reimbursable even if no award is made



## 5. Smallpox Vaccine Injury Compensation

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- n Secondary payer of medical benefits, lost employment income, and death benefits on behalf of individuals who received a smallpox vaccination under an HHS–approved smallpox emergency response plan between January 24, 2003 and January 23, 2006 and who suffered a vaccine–related injury
- n Eligible individuals: smallpox vaccine recipients, individuals who sustained a vaccine–related injury by contact (i.e., “vaccinia contacts”) with an eligible individual, certain survivors and estates.
- n A no–year appropriation of \$22 million is available for program benefits.
- n To date, 58 individuals have submitted Requests for Benefits; 14 of these requests have been approved for payment.



## 6. State Planning Grants

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- n Provides one-year planning grants to States to develop plans for providing access to affordable health insurance coverage to all their citizens.
- n FY 2005: \$11 million
- n Outcomes from State Planning Grants:
  - n Research improved the understanding of the uninsured and employers in a State
  - n Existence of State specific data moved the policy process forward
- n Resource: Available data on the uninsured
  - n Research on the uninsured and employers in a State
  - n Existence of State specific data



## 7. Health Care and Other Facilities

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- n Hill–Burton Free Care Program
  - n Originally Title VI of the Public Health Service Act, 1946 which provided Federal grants to modernize hospitals which had become obsolete during the Great Depression and WWII (1929–1945)
  - n Obligated facilities provide free or reduced charge medical services to those who are uninsured, underinsured or meet eligible criteria.
  - n Listing of obligated facilities: [www.hrsa.gov/osp/dfcr/obtain/hbstates.htm](http://www.hrsa.gov/osp/dfcr/obtain/hbstates.htm)



# Health Care and Other Facilities

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- n Health Care and Other Facilities Grants
  - n Administers the grant assistance program to health related organizations to meet their construction, renovation and equipment needs
  - n Types of organizations include: outpatient and inpatient facilities, health research facilities, health related academic facilities
  - n Approximately \$418 million was awarded in FY 2005 for 751 grants
  - n Grants given to entities specifically earmarked in the Congressional Appropriations Bill



## 8. Hospital Facilities and Loans

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- n Provides a mortgage insurance program for hospitals group practice facilities
- n Co-administered with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- n Generally divided into 2 groups:
  - n Office of Engineering Services (OES) – provides architectural and engineering oversight services
  - n Program and Loan Underwriting Group (PLUG) – reviews applications for mortgage insurance (hospitals and group practice facilities) and loan guarantees (community health centers)



# Web Sites

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- n Division of Facilities Compliance and Recovery: [www.hrsa.gov/osp/dfcr](http://www.hrsa.gov/osp/dfcr)
- n Division of Facilities and Loans: [www.hrsa.gov/osp/dfi](http://www.hrsa.gov/osp/dfi)
- n Division of Transplantation:  
[www.hrsa.gov/osp/dot](http://www.hrsa.gov/osp/dot)
  - n Organ Donor.Gov: [www.organdonor.gov](http://www.organdonor.gov)
- n Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness:  
[www.hrsa.gov/bioterrorism](http://www.hrsa.gov/bioterrorism)



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- n Trauma–Emergency Medical Services System: [www.hrsa.gov/trauma](http://www.hrsa.gov/trauma)
- n State Planning Grants Program: [www.hrsa.gov/osp/stateplanning](http://www.hrsa.gov/osp/stateplanning)
- n National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: [www.hrsa.gov/osp/vicp](http://www.hrsa.gov/osp/vicp)
- n Smallpox Vaccine Injury Compensation Program: [www.hrsa.gov/smallpoxinj](http://www.hrsa.gov/smallpoxinj)