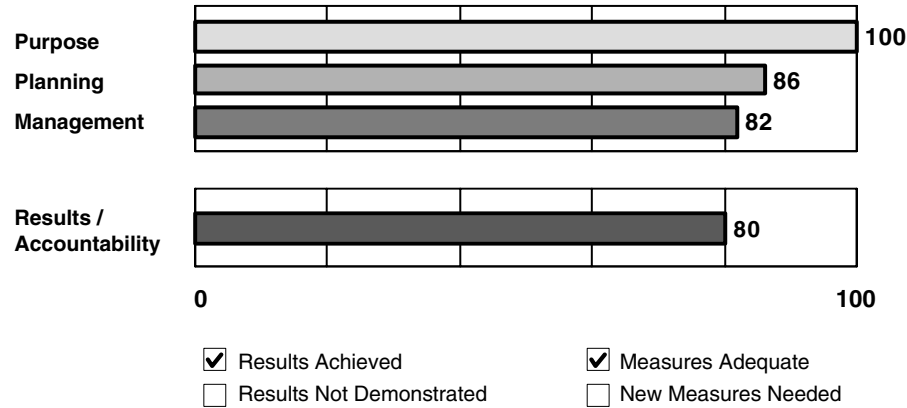


Program: Health Centers

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Bureau: Health Resources and Services Administration



Key Performance Measures

Year Target Actual

Key Performance Measure	Year	Target	Actual
Long-term Measure: Rate of low weight births among health center patients (New measure)	1999		7.37%
	2000		7.14%
	2001		7.13%
	2006	6.53%	
Annual Measure: Number in millions of those served by health centers who are below 200% of poverty and the national percentage of all people below 200% of poverty served by the program (New measure)	2000		8.4/10%
	2001		9.1/11%
	2004	11.8/14%	
Long-term Measure: Number of new and expanded health center sites and millions of additional people served	2001	Baseline	
	2002	260/1.3	289/NA
	2006	1,200/6	

Rating: Effective

Program Type: Competitive Grants

Program Summary:

The Health Center program provides grants to health centers to provide medical care to uninsured, underserved and vulnerable populations in rural and urban areas.

The assessment found:

1. The program purpose is clear and commonly held by interested parties and the program is designed to have a unique and significant impact.
2. The program uses performance information to improve annual administrative and clinical outcomes. Internal and external evaluations and reviews are also conducted regularly and indicate the program is effective at extending high quality health care to underserved populations.
3. The program is also making progress on its long-term outcome measures, including reducing the percentage of low-weight births among health center patients. For example, the percentage of low-weight births among health center patients declined from 7.4 percent of all health center births in 1999 to 7.1 percent in 2001.
4. The program more efficiently met key milestones over the previous year by expanding existing health center sites, in addition to opening new ones. Expanded sites can serve more people with lower startup costs.
5. The program has struggled to estimate liabilities to the government that arise from malpractice coverage extended to health center employees under the Federal Tort Claims Act.
6. Collaboration with programs that share common goals could be improved.

In response to these findings, the Administration:

1. Proposes an additional \$150 million above the 2003 Budget for the President's health center initiative to expand and create 1,200 health center sites and increase the service capacity by 6.1 million patients by 2006.
2. Proposes an additional \$20 million increase to pay health center malpractice claims, a legislative proposal to cap non-economic awards, and a proposal for the HHS Inspector General to improve oversight of health center malpractice coverage.

(For more information on this program, please see the Department of Health and Human Services chapter in the Budget volume.)

Program Funding Level (in millions of dollars)

2002 Actual	2003 Estimate	2004 Estimate
1,343	1,458	1,627