

**FY 2014 ACA Health Center Expanded Services (ES)
Post Award Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
HRSA-14-148**

Below are common questions and corresponding answers related to the recently released FY 2014 Health Center Expanded Services (ES) supplemental funding awards. Additional information can be found at <http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/apply/assistance/es/>.

1. The amount of funding that we received for ES is higher than the amount we originally requested. Are we required to submit a revised budget justification to reflect the increased funding amount?

Due to the availability of resources, the funding amount for all ES awards has been increased by \$9,000. Health centers should use these resources to further support the activities proposed, but are not required to submit any additional documentation.

2. My Notice of Award (NoA) for ES funding includes a Scope Verification Condition for a new service that was added to my scope via a Behavioral Health Integration (BHI) award and/or the Scope Alignment Validation (SAV). How should I respond?

ES-related Scope Verification Conditions were generated for some health center services that were already approved through BHI awards and/or Scope Alignment Validation. To remove the ES-related Scope Verification Condition for a service that is already accurately captured in your current scope of project, you should re-verify the service. This verification will not impact the original scope implementation date or otherwise change your approved scope of project for an already-approved service.

3. How should I respond to Scope Verification Conditions for new services that my organization included on the ES application in error?

If a health center proposed to provide a new service in the ES application in error, the health center should select "Not Implemented" in response to the corresponding Scope Verification Condition. ES Scope Verification Conditions should be completed in a manner that ensures that the services and modes of service delivery that will be implemented as part of the ES project are appropriately documented in the health center's approved scope of project.

4. What should I do if my organization no longer plans to implement the project exactly as it was proposed in my ES application?

As indicated on the ES NoA, health centers may re-budget their ES funding without prior approval as long as:

- a) no projects are added or deleted,
- b) patient impact goals do not change,
- c) at least 50 percent of the total ES funding will support the EMC project, and
- d) any changes align with the intent of the ES supplemental funding opportunity.

Note that HRSA will monitor future UDS reports for demonstrated progress toward meeting patient impact goals over the 2-year ES project period. Re-budgeted ES projects are still required to achieve the new patient impact targets outlined in the ES application. Health centers that applied for BHI funding (HRSA-14-110) and also proposed a Behavioral Health Service Expansion (BH SE) project as part of the ES application should assess the need to re-budget ES funding for the BH SE project upon award. Health centers that re-budget their ES project(s) should note this in future Budget Period Progress Reports (BPRs).

Health centers must submit a Prior Approval request in EHB under the 'Re-budgeting' request type to propose to delete any of their Service Expansion projects targeting oral health, behavioral health, pharmacy or vision services. Note that the EMC project is required and cannot be deleted. Health centers should contact their Project Officers prior to submitting such requests. The Prior Approval request must include an updated budget justification and narrative response section (the Project Officer will provide the necessary template).

5. My organization will not be able to spend the full amount of ES funding for Year 1 of the project by the end of our current budget period. Can we request to carryover the balance of funds from FY 2014 to our next budget period?

Yes. The ES awards provide supplemental funding for ES activities for the period September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015. As such, a portion of these funds have been provided for use in the FY 2015 budget period. In order to use this funding in the upcoming budget period, the appropriate amount must be shown as un-obligated (UOB) on line 10.h of the Annual Federal Financial Report (FFR), SF 425. In addition, a Prior Approval Request to carry over these funds must be submitted through EHB immediately following the FFR submission. Please consult your Grants Management Specialist (as noted on your NoA) for questions regarding submission of the FFR and/or Prior Approval Requests to carry over UOB funds.

Pro-rated funding will be included in your annual FY 2015 award to support ES activities for the remainder of the FY 2015 budget period. Yearly funding equivalent to the amount of this award will continue beyond FY 2015 dependent upon Congressional appropriation and satisfactory grantee performance.