March 2025 UDS Test Cooperative (UTC) Meeting
March 5, 2025
2:00-3:00pm ET

Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)

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March 2025 UTC Monthly Meeting Agenda

- Agenda:
  - Overview of the UDS Modernization Initiative
  - UDS+ 2024 Reporting Requirements and the UTC
  - UDS+ Testing Process
  - UDS+ Profile and Attestation Forms
  - UDS+ HIT Vendor/ Data Submitter Readiness

Overview of the
UDS Modernization Initiative

Enhancing UDS Data through UDS+

UDS Legacy

The Uniform Data System (UDS) is a standard data set reported annually and provides consistent information about health centers, including:

- Patient characteristics
- Services provided
- Clinical processes
- Health outcomes
- Patients' use of services
- Staffing
- Costs and revenues

HRSA

Health center level data is collected and sent to HRSA.

UDS+

UDS+ is the electronic submission of de-identified patient-level data using Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) with the goals of:

- Reducing Reporting Burden
- Better Measuring Impact
- Promoting Transparency

HRSA

Patient level data is sent to HRSA.

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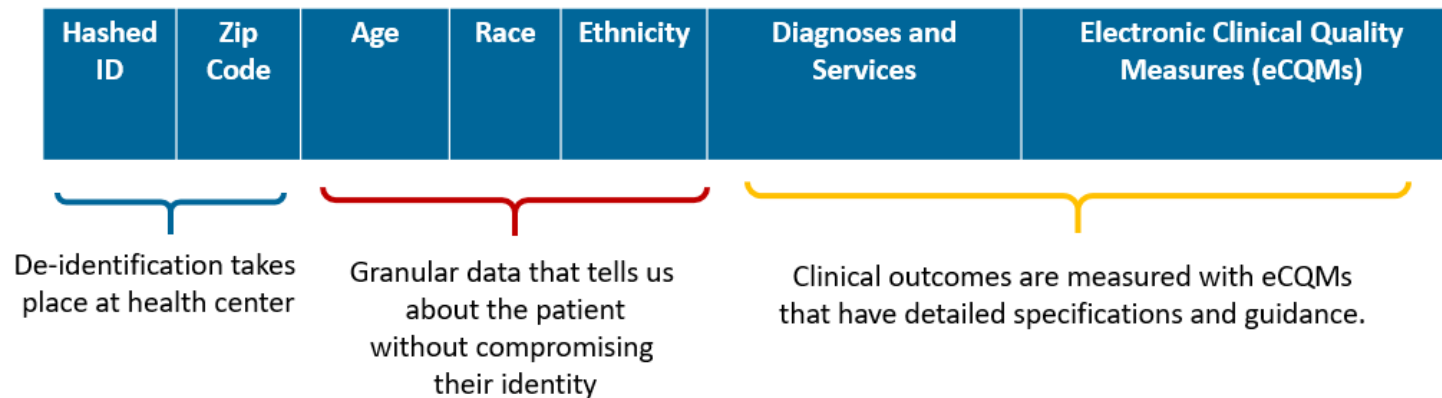# What is UDS Patient Level Submission (UDS+)?

UDS+ is...

- Beginning with CY 2023 UDS (data submitted in 2024), BPHC will accept patient-level report data.
  - UDS Tables Patients by ZIP Code, 3A, 3B, 4, 6A, 6B, and 7
- Submitted **electronically** via Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR)

UDS+ does not...

- Collect full copies of data directly from patients' electronic medical records.
- Collect patient identifiers.

For more information, visit: Uniform Data System (UDS) Modernization Initiative

Hashed ID	Zip Code	Age	Race	Ethnicity	Diagnoses and Services	Electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQMs)

De-identification takes place at health center

Granular data that tells us about the patient without compromising their identity

Clinical outcomes are measured with eCQMs that have detailed specifications and guidance.

Benefits of patient-level data collection

Understand and communicate the **unique characteristics and needs** of health center patients

Illustrate the **breadth and depth of health center services** and their **impact on health outcomes**

Inform **training, technical assistance and research and evaluation**

Improve **preparedness** for public health emergencies

Provide **evidence for aligned reimbursements** for care provided

Align with national interoperability standards to support health center ability to engage in future-state, integrated health care models

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UDS+ 2024 Reporting Requirements & the UTC

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UDS+ 2024 Reporting Year: Submission Requirements

2024 UDS+ Submissions Due by May 30, 2025

1 Submit data for your *medical* patients

2 Submit *all* the demographic tables data
- **Table**: Patients by ZIP Code
- **Table 3A**: Patients by Age and by Sex
- **Table 3B**: Demographic Characteristics
    - Updates to align to Executive Orders
- **Table 4**: Selected Patient Characteristics

(Managed Care Utilization lines are NOT required for UDS+ CY 2024 reporting)

3 Submit *1 eCQM* from the measures listed below:
- **Table 6B**: Quality of Care Measures
    - Breast Cancer Screening
    - Cervical Cancer Screening
    - Colorectal Cancer Screening
- **Table 7**: Health Outcomes and Disparities
    - **Controlling High Blood Pressure***
    - Diabetes: Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Poor Control (>9.0%)

* Recommended measure

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2024 Calendar Year: UDS & UDS+ Reporting

All health centers were **required** to submit **aggregated** UDS data by **February 15, 2025**.

All health centers will be required to submit a minimum amount of **patient-level data (UDS+) by** <u>May 30, 2025</u>.

- Submit aggregated UDS data through EHBs, using the traditional submission method.
- Include all UDS tables and appendices.
- This will be the official submission of record.

- Submit UDS+ data via FHIR.
- Include, at a minimum, only demographic data and 1 eCQM for medical patients.
- UDS+ submission supports system capacity building and progress towards full implementation.

EHBs will remain the submission of record.

Submission and Communication: Legacy UDS vs UDS+

Legacy UDS Submission	UDS+ Submission
• Submitted via Electronic Handbooks (EHBs) by February 15, 2025	• Data submitted via a FHIR API to HRSA by **May 30, 2025**
• Manual data entry and submission	• Automated data submission
• Health center staff are primary contact for issues with submission	• If vendor supported, the HIT vendor and health center will be primary contact for issues with submission
• Communications about submission occur via EHBs	• Communications about submission occur via Salesforce
	▪ Including Profile and Attestation

UDS+ Readiness Timeline

- UDS+ Profile and Attestation- Submission by **April 7, 2025**

- All UDS+ Data Submitters **MUST PASS synthetic UDS+ data testing** to submit UDS+ CY24. Synthetic UDS+ testing for CY24 must be completed by **April 30, 2025**

- Deadline for UDS+ Data Submitters to complete final live data checks: **May 9, 2025**

- Deadline for UDS+ CY24 submissions: **May 30, 2025**

General timeline: Now through CY 2024 UDS+ submission
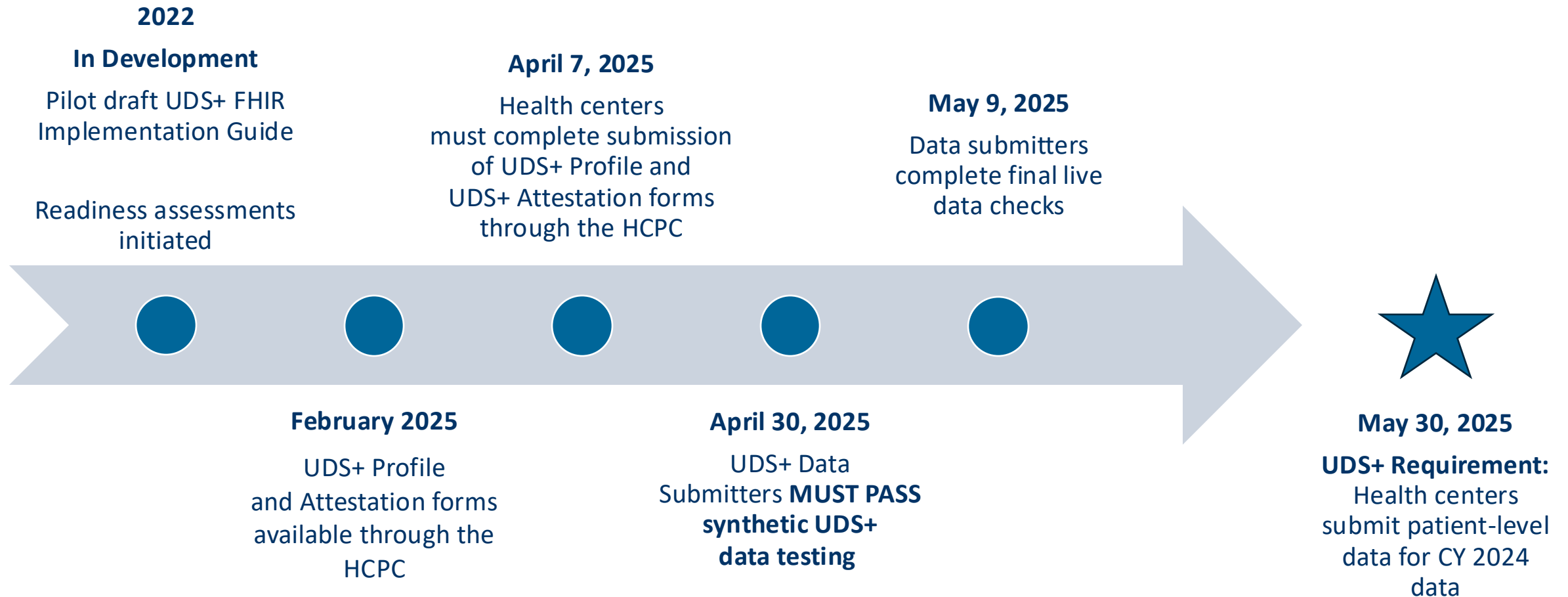
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In Development

Pilot draft UDS+ FHIR Implementation Guide

Readiness assessments initiated

April 7, 2025

Health centers must complete submission of UDS+ Profile and UDS+ Attestation forms through the HCPC

May 9, 2025

Data submitters complete final live data checks

February 2025

UDS+ Profile and Attestation forms available through the HCPC

April 30, 2025

UDS+ Data Submitters **MUST PASS** **synthetic UDS+ data testing**

May 30, 2025

UDS+ Requirement: Health centers submit patient-level data for CY 2024 data

UDS Modernization FAQs

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UDS Test Cooperative (UTC)

Health Centers ●
Engage and participate in the tests

Health IT Vendors ●
Set up testing infrastructure to support tests, when applicable

NTTAPS ●
Provide topic-related expertise and assistance

HRSA/BPHC ●
- Identify UDS requirements
- Analyze feedback and make decisions
- Publish new UDS Requirements

● **PCA/HCCN**
- Identify test participants (health centers)
- Coordinate with health centers conducting tests

To join the UTC, please communicate your interest to HRSA using the BPHC Contact Form.

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UTC Steering Committee

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*Co-chairs of the UTC

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UDS+ Testing Process

UDS+ Testing Process

For UDS+ Data Submitters:

- ~~Complete the ISA (Interconnection Security Agreement)~~
  - ~~Vendor diagram~~
- Complete the UDS+ Testing form
- ~~Get your [public] IPs allowlist (2-3 weeks)~~
- New Data Submitters:
  - Join an onboarding session with us (1.5 hours)
  - Submit data to the sandbox and complete live production testing
  - In parallel, you should also test with the INFERNO UDS+ test kit.

UDS+ Testing Process

- Navigate to https://hrsa.my.site.com/support/s/.
- Scroll to the Uniform Data System category.
- Click UDS Modernization to access the future onboarding form.

UDS+ Testing Process

UDS+ Profile and Attestation Forms

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Salesforce UDS+ Profile and Attestation Forms

- **All health centers** must submit a UDS+ Profile and Attestation form via Salesforce prior to the CY2024 UDS+ Submission

- **Purpose** of these forms are to:
  - Confirm health center contact information
  - Communicate with data submitters and connect health centers

UDS+ Profile and Attestation Process

- Profile forms will be pre-populated with your health center's information but must be confirmed
  - **Profile form includes:**
    - Health Center Name
    - Address
    - UDS+ Points of Contact
    - Grant Number
    - UEI
    - Production Client ID

UDS+ Profile and Attestation Process

- **<u>Attestation form includes:</u>**
  - HIT vendor/ UDS+ Data Submitter selection
  - Data that will be submitted
    - Medical patients (Minimum)
    - All patients (Optional)
  - Submission of data
    - Full calendar year
    - Part of the calendar year (for those transitioning EHR systems)
      - Free text field to provide additional detail as needed

UDS+ Profile and Attestation: Demo

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UDS+ Attestation Form: Health Center Confirmation Email

Subject: Thank you for submitting a UDS+ Annual Attestation

Hello,

Thank you for submitting your UDS+ Annual Attestation.

Start Date: [Submission Start Date Entered in Attestation]

End Date: [Submission End Date Entered in Attestation]

Data Included:[Medical Only or Full Patient Data]

To edit your submission, log in to our Health Center Program Community at https://hrsa.my.site.com/HRSABPHC/s/data-and-reporting-home/uds.

Your submission details have also been sent to the vendor/organization that you selected: [HIT Vendor/UDS+ Data Submitter Name]

UDS+ Attestation Form: Vendor/Data Submitter Confirmation

Subject: SUBMITTED: [Health Center Name]'s UDS+ Annual Attestation

Hello,

[Health Center Name] just submitted its UDS+ Annual Attestation.

[HIT Vendor/UDS+ Data Submitter Name] has been named as the submitter for the data.

Here is the detail of the request:

Start Date: [Submission Start Date Entered in Attestation]
End Date: [Submission End Date Entered in Attestation]
Data Included: [Medical Only or Full Patient Data]

Health Centers: Next Steps

- Identify UDS+ point of contact and login to HCPC account/register for account

- Confirm contact details are correct in your organization's UDS+ Profile

- Complete the UDS+ Attestation Form by **April 7, 2025**
  - Reminder: UDS+ Attestation Form is open for 2 business days for editing after submission

- Confirm email receipt of successful UDS+ Attestation Form submission
  - If a health center selects "Other Vendor/Vendor Not Listed" in the UDS+ Attestation, the UDS+ team will receive notification

HIT Vendor/UDS+ Data Submitter: Next Steps

- Join the next UDS+ Office Hours
- Register your profile in the Health Center Program Community
- Confirm health centers that select data submitter for CY2024 UDS+ submission
  - Provide BPHC with JWKS URL for selected health centers
- Complete testing requirements
- Complete CY2024 UDS+ data submission

HIT Vendor/ Data Submitter Readiness

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HCPC: HIT Vendor/ Data Submitter Readiness

HIT Vendor Readiness Steps for UDS+ Submission to HRSA

Step	Description
Step 1	Submission of a completed UDS+ Testing form and readiness to support a health center's submission of UDS+ data.
Step 2	Confirm UDS+ profile and connectivity to HRSA environment.
Step 3	Onboarding to the HRSA Sandbox and the beginning of testing.
Step 4	Successful completion of testing, including completing checks to prevent the submission of protected health information (PHI), resulting in availability to be listed as a Data Submitter. Once an HIT vendor has passed this step, they are ready to submit UDS+ data on behalf of their Health Centers.

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Step 1: Submission of a completed UDS+ Testing form and readiness to support a health center's submission of UDS+ data.

- Altera Digital Health
- Applied HCS
- athenaOne
- Azara Healthcare
- BridgeIT
- CompuGroup Medical
- CrossFHIR (Dynamic Health IT)
- CureMD
- DocToMe, Inc
- eClinicalWorks, LLC
- eLoom Analytics
- Greenway Health
- Health Choice Network (Epic tester)

- i2i Population Health
- Indian Health Services Headquarters
- MediRec, Inc
- Medpharm Services LLC
- NextGen Healthcare
- Partners in Computing Services International LLC
- Relevant Healthcare
- Solutions 4 Community Health
- Son Information Systems
- Streamline Healthcare Solutions, LLC
- Veradigm
- Visualutions/ athenapractice

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Step 4: Successful completion of testing, including completing checks to prevent the submission of protected health information (PHI), resulting in availability to be listed as a Data Submitter.

Once an HIT vendor has passed this step, they are ready to submit UDS+ data on behalf of their Health Centers.

- Azara Healthcare
- eClinicalWorks, LLC
- eLoom
- Greenway Health
- HCN/ Epic
- i2i Population Health

- MediRec, Inc
- NextGen Healthcare
- Relevant Healthcare
- Son Information Systems
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UDS+ HIT Vendor Updates

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athenaOne:

- For any questions on UDS+, please use the following email: athenaOne_UDSPlus@athenahealth.com.

Cerner:

- The UDS+ Team and Cerner are in contact nationally, but each FQHC utilizing Cerner should be discussing with your HIT vendor(s) regarding UDS+. If you utilize Cerner as an HIT vendor, typically CommunityWorks (products including Millenium, PowerChart, P2 Sentinel, etc), please note that Cerner is not currently testing/supporting UDS+ CY24 submissions (Reporting Year 2025). Cerner advises clients connect with their Oracle representation (Client Accountability Executive (CAE)) to discuss the situation. Guidance will be provided from the Cerner UDS+ team, after investigation into each Cerner clients's unique IT situation, regarding best practice suggestion for UDS+ submission by the deadline.

eClinicalWorks UDS+ Questions:

- Please email healthcenters@eclinicalworks.com , Subject Line: UDS+ Question and a member of our team will reach out.
- Existing client can also raise a support case, noting reason: UDS+ Question, and the techs will route to the appropriate team member to reach out to you.

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Epic:

- You can use Epic to collect, monitor, and submit data for UDS+. Epic tools help you track all data elements required by version 1.1.0 of the UDS+ FHIR Implementation Guide. When you're ready to report, you can use the Epic system to generate and submit the relevant FHIR resources.

- To get started, contact your Epic representative and mention SLG 9042729 or log into the UserWeb and head to the UDS+ Reporting Configuration topic. If you're not sure how to get in contact, reach out to FQHC@epic.com."

OCHIN:

- For any questions on UDS+, please use the following email: udsplus@ochin.org.

Veradigm:

- The UDS+ Team and Veradigm are in contact nationally, but each FQHC utilizing Veradigm should be discussing with your HIT vendor(s) regarding UDS+. If you utilize Veradigm as an HIT vendor, typically VeradigmEHR via VCRS (fka Pro EHR, Allscripts) please note that Veradigm is actively testing/supporting UDS+ CY24 submissions (Reporting Year 2025). Veradigm advises clients email the UDS+ SME team at VCRSUDSPlus@veradigm.com for information regarding UDS+ submission by the deadline.

How can health centers prepare for UDS+?

1 UDS TEST COOPERATIVE

Join the UTC for continued UDS+ updates and resources.

2 HL7® FHIR®

Review:

HL7.org

HL7® FHIR® resources page

UDS+ FHIR IG

3 ENGAGEMENT

- Register for the **Health Center Program Community (HCPC)**.

- Visit the UDS Modernization Initiative webpage for up-to-date UDS+ information.

- Encourage your health IT vendors to join the UTC.

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Submit questions through the **BPHC Contact Form** by selecting **Uniform Data System (UDS)** > **UDS Modernization** > **Patient-Level Submission (UDS+)**.

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Resources

For the latest UTC and UDS+ information, please visit HRSA webpages:

- [UTC](#)
- [UDS Modernization Initiative](#)
- [UDS Modernization FAQ](#)
- [UDS+ FHIR IG](#)
- [Health Center Program Community](#)

For questions, comments, or suggestions:

[BPHC Contact Form](#)

Question and Answer

Q & A