

The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (BBA), signed into law in February of 2018, reauthorized spending for the Health Center Program and other Federal programs for fiscal years 2018 and 2019. The BBA also amended certain sections of the Health Center Program statute ([Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act](#)) by adding new requirements, changing some terminology, and increasing overall emphasis on the importance of maintaining compliance with Health Center Program requirements.

In order to align with these statutory changes, we are excited to announce that the [HRSA Health Center Program Compliance Manual \(Compliance Manual\) update is now available](#). This document continues to serve as a streamlined and consolidated resource to assist health centers in understanding and demonstrating compliance with the Health Center Program and Federal Tort Claims Act deeming requirements.

HRSA also updated other Health Center Program documents, including the Site Visit Protocol, which is the primary tool used for assessing compliance with Health Center Program requirements during operational site visits (OSVs). **Preview the updated [Site Visit Protocol](#), which will replace the current Site Visit Protocol and be used for OSVs occurring after Thursday, September 6, 2018.** Health centers with OSVs scheduled to occur after September 6 can use this preview to help them prepare for their site visit.

HRSA also created [a consolidated Frequently Asked Questions web page](#) that provides answers to common questions regarding Health Center Program requirements, compliance and oversight.

For general inquiries about the Compliance Manual or the Site Visit Protocol, please contact the BPHC Helpline [online](#) or by phone: 877-974-BPHC (2742) from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays). For specific questions related to your health center, please contact your project officer.



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