WHAT IS THE UDS MAPPER?
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What is the UDS Mapper?
THE UDS MAPPER IS...

- An online mapping and decision-support tool driven primarily by patient location data within the UDS
- Allows for easy visualization of areas served by Health Center Program awardees and look-alikes, collectively referred to as “health centers”
- Compares health center data to community/population data and shows spatial relationships between UDS patient data, community attributes, and other resources
- Displays other relevant data on health, economic, and social factors, providing additional information and context for the displayed UDS data
WHO CREATED THE UDS MAPPER?

- Developed for HRSA by HealthLandscape, the geospatial division of the American Academy of Family Physicians
- Based on formulas and reporting methods for service area analyses requested by BPHC
WHY WAS THE UDS MAPPER CREATED?

- Was originally created in 2010 to assist the BPHC project officers in analyzing service area overlap questions.
- Audience and functionality expanded to allow health centers and grant-seeking entities to understand the safety net environment in relation to service areas.
HOW CAN THE UDS MAPPER BE USED?

▪ The UDS Mapper has become an essential tool for
  • Planning
  • Grant writing
  • Service area definition and analyses
  • Community health needs assessments

▪ Since launching in 2010, the UDS Mapper user base has grown to more than 33,000 registered users
  • Half of all users are from health centers
  • Other half includes users from PCAs, PCOs, HRSA, other government (federal, state, or local), Rural Health Clinics, and hospitals
EXAMPLES OF SPECIFIC USES

▪ Project officers can:
  • Gain familiarity with health center portfolios
  • Perform an environmental scan
  • Review applications to examine potential service area overlap

▪ Health centers can:
  • Learn whether there is potential need in their service area
  • View where other safety net providers are in their area
  • Create service area maps

▪ PCAs and PCOs can:
  • Quickly visualize areas of growth or loss of patients
  • Identify communities with unmet need
  • Pinpoint areas with little or no federal investment that may qualify for state investment
Proceed to the next lesson to continue learning how to use the UDS Mapper
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