

HRSA Grant to Increase Services to Health Centers

Grant Amount: \$310,184

- **Need**

- In 2008, Guam's CHCs provided services to over 13,377 patients with over 36,705 encounters.
- Guam's CHCs serve as the sole provider of primary medical care to Guam's indigent population, providing health care regardless of insurance status, or ability to pay.
- Almost a third of the island's population lack access to primary care.
- Guam's CHCs are the "safety-net" providers and venue for the target group and special populations to seek primary health care and preventive services.
- Plan is to expand medical capacity to care for an additional 1,590 new patients, 461 new uninsured patients, and 3,974 encounters by the end of year 2

- **Strategy**

- Increase CHC staffing from 53.5 to 56.7 FTEs (1 internist and a part-time OB/GYN, 1 Nurse Aide and 1 Chuukese translator)
- Extend hours of operation from 54 to 58 hours weekly
- Expand clinical services through community outreach from 4 to 8 annually to provide prenatal care, well baby checks, treatment for minor skin infections, early intervention services, immunizations, nutrition education, fluoride varnish treatment and more. This would eliminate transportation barriers.
- Provide education to reduce health disparities.
- Translation services to minimize linguistic and cultural barriers to care.

- **Impact**

- Urgent health care needs of the poorest, including those who have no health insurance, primary care provider and/or access to consistent primary care would be addressed.
- Guam's CHCs will be able to provide comprehensive primary health care services and reduce health disparities with the additional funds.