

## **Key Messages about the Clinical Core Measures**

**Standard of Care:** The clinical core measures reflect the standard of care and are evidence based.

**Address Priority Health Conditions of Safety Net Populations:** The core measures address priority health conditions of HRSA safety-net populations and were selected for their relevance to HRSA programs.

**Cross-Cutting:** The core measures are an initial set of measures that underscore HRSA's commitment to quality improvement and begin to measure and demonstrate the quality of care across the agency as a whole.

**HRSA Aligned:** The measures align clinical performance measures across HRSA's clinical service delivery programs. Aggregation of data across HRSA's programs will help demonstrate the significant overall impact of our programs.

**Nationally Aligned:** The HRSA core measures are aligned with national performance measures – this alignment reduces duplication of effort and promotes comparison among grantees.

**Address the Life-cycle:**

This initial set of HRSA Core Measures target at least one key health issue for each major stage of life.

**Address the Broad Spectrum of the Population:**

Measures can be found that affect a broad array of populations, of all ages, that are cared for through the HRSA healthcare safety-net.

**Focus on Prevention and Chronic Disease:**

The set includes measures for screening and prevention of common illnesses and others for proper management of patients that are already affected by chronic disease.

**Reduce Duplication and Allow Comparison:** As HRSA programs incorporate the core measures into our data collection efforts, reporting duplication and burden will be minimized for those grantees that receive funding from multiple bureaus and offices. Further programs will be able to better compare and learn from each other's successes on those measures that cut across multiple programs.

**Enable Quality Improvement:** The baseline of these measures will provide benchmarks for the grantees, bureau and agency to measure progress in quality improvement efforts.

