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1	<b>Virtual Care (OVC)</b>
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4	Measures Report template for Optimizing Virtual Care (OVC) grant recipients to report project activities and report information related to overall program implementation and the following OVC project objectives: A. Improve Clinical Quality and Health Outcomes, C. Enhance Patient Care Coordination, D. Promote Health
5	In this document may not be relevant for all grant program's activities. Grant recipients may choose to report above and beyond the data requested in the "Share Additional Information" tab.
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7	is organized into three sections and contains a total of 11 tabs, as described below.
8	<b>- Tabs in this section provide resources to support grant recipients in filling out the Biannual Measures Report</b>
9	Provides an overview of the Biannual Measures Report template and guidance for completing the form.
10	Provides definitions for key terms used throughout the Biannual Measures Report template.
11	Provides a compiled list of Biannual Measures Report table template titles and instructions.
12	Provides additional instructions and a step-by-step example for reporting UDS quality measures data.
13	<b>This section provide table templates to support health center reporting on OVC Project Objectives</b>
14	Enter grant recipient name, OVC grant number, and reporting period.
15	Complete all tables requesting data related to increasing access to care and information for the reporting period.
16	Complete all tables requesting data related to increasing access to care and information for the reporting period.
17	Complete Tables 10 and 11 requesting data related to improving the quality of virtual care delivery for the reporting period. <i>Note: Tables 12 and 13 are optional for all Reporting Periods.</i>
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19	<b>Virtual Care (VCSD) Self-Assessment Model and Additional Information Tabs</b>
20	Complete the VCSD Self-Assessment on Table 21 to help the OVC Team better understand the health center's strategies and potential implementation needs
21	Grant recipients may use this tab to submit any additional information, comments, or data findings not included in the template. For example, if your health center has a definable program for a specific patient population, please report related data for OVC-specific telehealth visits and any other relevant information in the "Additional Information" tab.
22	<b>the Grant Recipient BMR Template</b>
23	Rename this file using the following format before uploading to the EHB: OVC Biannual Measures Report_ Grant Number_Reporting Period (example: OVC Biannual Measures Report_Q8VCS12345_Reporting Period)

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25	Data collection date range and (data submission deadline) for each reporting period
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30	<b>See the Uniformed Data System (UDS) Manual. For access to the most recent UDS Manual visit: <a href="https://www.hrsa.gov/reporting/uds-training-and-technical-assistance/reporting-guidance">reporting/uds-training-and-technical-assistance/reporting-guidance</a></b>
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32	Description of Updates Made
33	"Introduction" tab revised to add a link to the most recent UDS manual for easy access
34	"Guidance for Tables 10 and 11 tab", added appropriate links to the UDS manual and relevant PALs.
35	Throughout document, changed references to "2022" UDS Reporting Manual to the "most recent" UDS Reporting Manual to support future BMR 2023 and 2024 data reporting.
36	"VCSD Self Assessment tab", revised cell D32 to reflect "Advanced-Level Maturity" (previously "Four")
37	"Care Coordination tab", Tables 14 and 15: added instructions to indicate reporting on FTEs and virtual care across the entire health center
38	Added "Guidance for Tables 10 and 11" tab to provide additional support for data collection and reporting
39	Revised the language used for data collection time periods to use "12 months prior to the last day of reporting"
40	In Table headers and "pop-up" instructions, revised language from "reporting period" to "6-month reporting period"
41	"Quality" Tab, Tables 10 and 11: Revised language, structure and instructions to align more with 2022 UDS Reporting Manual to support data collection.
42	"Quality" Tab, Tables 10 and 11: Added CMS eCQM ID numbers for all measures based on the 2022 UDS Reporting Manual to add clarity.
43	Added "Guidance for Tables 10 and 11" tab to provide additional support for reporting Quality of Care and Health Outcome Measures

**Key Term**

Appointment Wait Time

Community-Based Organization

Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (or CAHPS) Clinical & Group Adult Visit Survey 4.0 (beta)

Countable Visit

Ethnicity

Face-to-Face (In-Person) Health Visit

Limited English Proficient (LEP)

Medical Insurance

Patient

Patient Encounter

Patient Visit (Or Countable Visit)

Race

Reporting Period (Also referred to as "6-month Reporting Period")

Special Populations

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Telehealth

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Telemedicine

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UDS Service Categories

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UDS Service Categories for Countable Visits

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UDS Service Category: Dental Services

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UDS Service Category: Enabling Services

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UDS Service Category: Medical Care Services

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UDS Service Category: Mental Health Services

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UDS Service Category: Other Professional Services

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UDS Service Category: Other Programs and Services

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UDS Service Category: Pharmacy Personnel

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UDS Service Category: Quality Improvement Staff

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UDS Service Category: Substance Use  
Disorder Services

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UDS Service Category: Total Facility and Non-  
Clinical Support Staff

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UDS Service Category: Vision Services

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Virtual Care Encounter

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Virtual Care Type: Asynchronous Store and  
Forward (Store and Forward Telehealth,  
Asynchronous Telehealth)

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Virtual Care Type: Mobile Health (mHealth)

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Virtual Care Type: Other Asynchronous Services

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Virtual Care Type: Remote Patient Monitoring  
(RPM, remote monitoring, remote physiologic  
monitoring, remote therapeutic monitoring, RTM)

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Virtual Care Type: Synchronous Real-time  
Telehealth - Audio-Only (Audio-only visits)

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Virtual Care Type: Synchronous Real-Time  
Telehealth Video (Live video)

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Virtual Care Types

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Virtual Care Visit

## Definition

Refers to the time (in days) patients must wait before they can see a health care provider for an appointment.

As defined by the HHS Office of the Secretary for Preparedness and Response, community-based organizations (CBOs) are public or private not-for-profit resource hubs that provide specific services to the community or targeted population within the community. CBOs include but are not limited to aging and disability networks, community health centers, childcare providers, home visiting programs, state domestic violence coalitions and local domestic violence shelters and programs, adult protective services programs, homeless services providers, and food banks that work to address the health and social needs of populations.

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) identifies CAHPS as an AHRQ program that began in 1995. Its purpose is to advance scientific understanding of patient experience with healthcare ([ahrq.gov](http://ahrq.gov)).

A documented in-person or virtual live video and/or audio (synchronous, real time) interaction between a patient and a licensed or credentialed provider who exercises his/her independent, professional judgment in the provision of services to the patient.

Self-reported patient ethnicity (Hispanic or Latina/o or Not Hispanic/Latina/o).

Documented, in-person, face-to-face contact between a patient and a provider who exercises objective judgment in the provision of services to the patient. To be included as a visit, services rendered must be documented in the patient's record.

Describes individuals who do not speak English as their primary language and who have a limited ability to read, speak, write, or understand English.

Patient's primary medical insurance (Medicare, Medicaid/Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)/other public insurance, private insurance).

A person who has at least one in-person or virtual encounter or countable visit in the last 12 months.

An in-person or virtual interaction between an awardee health center and a patient for the purposes of health care.

A documented in-person or virtual live video and/or audio (synchronous, real time) interaction between a patient and a licensed or credentialed provider who exercises his/her independent, professional judgment in the provision of services to the patient.

Self-reported patient race (Asian, Native Hawaiian, Black, African American, White, More than one race).

Reporting Period refers to the four specified 6-month time frames for OVC data collection.

Migratory and seasonal agricultural workers, homeless populations, residents of public housing, patients from school-based health centers, veterans, and populations with limited English proficiency.

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The use of electronic information and telecommunications technologies to support and promote long-distance clinical health care, patient and professional health-related education, public health, and health administration.

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Telemedicine is a subset of telehealth services referring to remote clinical services.

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Medical care services, dental services, mental health services, substance use disorder services, other professional services, vision services, enabling services, pharmacy personnel, other programs and services, quality improvement staff, total facility and non-clinical support staff.

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Includes medical care, dental, mental health, substance use disorder, vision, other professional services, enabling services.

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Personnel include general dental practitioners, oral surgeons, periodontists, endodontists, dental hygienists, dental therapists, dental assistants and advanced dental practice assistants, dental technicians, dental aides, and dental students (including hygienists students).

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Personnel include case managers, case/referral coordinators, patient advocates, social workers, public health nurses, home health nurses, visiting nurses, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses/licensed vocational nurses, family planning counselors, health educators, outreach workers, patient transportation coordinators, drivers (including mobile van drivers), benefits assistance workers, pharmacy assistance program eligibility workers, eligibility workers, patient navigators, patient advocates, registration clerks, certified assistants, interpreters, translators, community health workers, community health advisors or representatives, lay health advocates, promotoras, and other enabling services personnel.

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Personnel include family practitioners, general practitioners, internists, obstetricians/gynecologists, pediatricians, licensed medical residents, allergists, cardiologists, dermatologists, endocrinologists, orthopedists, surgeons, urologists, other physician specialists and sub-specialists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, certified nurse midwives, clinical nurse specialists, public health nurses, home health nurses, visiting nurses, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses/licensed vocational nurses, nurse emergency medical services/nurse emergency medical technicians, nurses aides/assistants (certified and uncertified), clinic aides/medical assistants (certified and uncertified medical technologists), unlicensed interns and residents, EMT/EMS personnel, pathologists, medical technologists, laboratory technicians, laboratory assistants, phlebotomists, radiologists, X-ray technologists, X-ray technicians, radiology assistants and ultrasound technicians.

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Personnel include psychiatrists, psychologists, clinical and psychiatric social workers, family therapists, psychiatric nurse practitioners, psychiatric and mental health nurses, and unlicensed mental health providers, including trainees (interns or residents), and "certified" personnel.

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Personnel include audiologists, acupuncturists, chiropractors, community health aides and practitioners, herbalists, massage therapists, naturopaths, registered dietitians (including nutritionists/dietitians), occupational therapists, podiatrists, physical therapists, respiratory therapists, speech therapists/pathologists, and traditional healers.

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Personnel include WIC workers, Head Start workers, housing assistance workers, child care workers, food bank/meal delivery workers, employment/educational counselors, exercise trainers/fitness trainer personnel, adult day care and frail elderly support personnel.

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Personnel include pharmacists, clinical pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, pharmacist assistants, and pharmacy clerks.

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Personnel include quality improvement (QI) nurses, QI technicians, QI data specialists, statisticians and analysts, quality assurance/quality improvement and HIT/EHR design and operation personnel.

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Personnel include unlicensed substance use disorder providers, including trainees (interns or residents), and "certified" personnel, alcohol and drug abuse counselors, and RN counselors.

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Personnel include project directors, chief executive officers/executive directors, chief financial officers/fiscal officers, chief information officers, chief medical officers, secretaries/administrative assistants, administrators, directors of planning and evaluation, clerk typists, personnel directors, receptionists, directors of marketing, marketing representatives, enrollment/service representatives, finance directors, accountants, bookkeepers, billing clerks, cashiers, data entry clerks, directors of data processing, programmers, IT help desk technicians, janitors/custodians, security guards, groundskeepers, equipment maintenance personnel, housekeeping personnel, medical and dental team clerks, medical and dental team secretaries, medical and dental appointment clerks, medical and dental patient health records clerks, patient health records supervisors, patient health records technicians, patient health records clerks, patient health records transcriptionists, and appointments clerks.

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Personnel include ophthalmologists, optometrists, ophthalmologist/optometric assistants, ophthalmologist/optometric aides, and ophthalmologist/optometric technicians.

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A virtual interaction between an awardee health center and a patient for the purposes of health care. May include but is not limited to virtual care visits.

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**Definition:** Use of technology for the electronic transmission of medical information for remote evaluation, such as x-rays, sonograms, other digital images, data derived from questionnaires, and pre-recorded audio and/or videos that are not real-time interactions.

**Key Components:**

- Not real time (asynchronous).
- Use of technology to electronically transmit x-rays, sonograms, other digital images, data derived from questionnaires, and pre-recorded audio and/or videos.
- Includes evaluation by a provider, which is defined as interpretation and follow-up.
- Includes e-consults: interprofessional provider to provider consultations that involve assessment and management services provided by a consultative physician, including report to the patient's treating/requesting physician or other qualified healthcare professional.
- Guidance note: Medical information may be submitted by a patient and transmitted to a provider for remote evaluation, or transmitted provider to provider for remote evaluation.
- Guidance note: Medical information may include data derived from questionnaires.

**Technology:** Any technology that can electronically transmit x-rays, sonograms, other digital images, data derived from questionnaires, and pre-recorded audio and/or videos.

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**Definition:** Use of technologies, like smartphone and tablet apps, that enable patients to capture or track personal health, fitness, or wellness information, or to access general health education materials, independent of an interaction with a health care provider, AND do not meet the FDA definition of a device.

**Key Components:**

- Does not meet the FDA definition of a device.
- Used to capture or track personal health, fitness, or wellness data.
- Used to access general-purpose health education (e.g., tutorials, training videos, articles, info on accessing services etc.).
- Independent of an interaction with a health care provider. Guidance note: a provider could suggest an app.

**Technology:** Smart phone or tablet applications (apps) NOT meeting the definition of an FDA defined device. (FDA: <https://www.fda.gov/industry/regulated-products/medical-device-overview#What%20is%20a%20medical%20device>).

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**Definition:** Includes any other asynchronous virtual care types not described in the categories above.

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**Definition:** Using a specific technology device to collect and transmit medical patient data such as vital signs, pulse, and blood pressure from patients in one location (typically a home) to health care providers in a different location for monitoring and evaluation.

**Key Components:**

- Can be synchronous or asynchronous.
- Instrument or monitoring tool collecting patient data must meet the FDA definition of a device (see FDA link in Technology section below). Guidance question: Based on clinical judgement, would a Qualified Health Professional consider this a device?
- Device must be prescribed or recommended by a provider and documented in the patient health record. Guidance note: Remote patient monitoring can be furnished/provided by other Qualified Health Professionals under the general supervision of a provider. (Note: the recommendation does need to be documented.)
- Data must be able to be digitally uploaded or transferred (automatically) to a secure location where the data is available for analysis and interpretation by a Provider or other Qualified Health Professional.
- Provider or other Qualified Health Professional uses the data to understand the patient's status and/or develop a care plan (i.e., Remote Monitoring is an integral part of the patient's care plan).

**Technology:** Use of a technology that meets the FDA definition of a device, "Intended for use in the diagnosis of disease or other conditions, or in the cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease" (<https://www.fda.gov/industry/regulated-products/medical-device-overview#What%20is%20a%20medical%20device>).

\*Guidance note: Includes smartphone or tablet application (apps) that are used as an accessory to a FDA defined "device" for remote patient monitoring (e.g., an app for a continuous glucose monitor or an app that collects blood pressure data from a self-monitoring device)".

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**Definition:** Use of a two-way, interactive audio-only technology, such as a telephone for "live" or real-time interactions between a patient and provider.

**Key Components:**

- Live or real-time interaction.
- Interaction is between patient and provider.
- Evaluation/management and remote clinical services that meet the UDS definition of telemedicine.

**Technology:** Telephone or other audio-only technology.

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**Definition:** Use of a two-way video technology or other HIPAA compliant video connection to conduct a “live” or real-time interactive visit between a patient and provider.

**Key Components:**

- Live or real-time interaction.
- Evaluation/management or remote clinical services that meet the UDS definition of telemedicine.

**Technology:** Video (i.e., integrated video/audio conferencing technology) or other HIPAA compliant video connection.

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1. Synchronous Real-time Telehealth - Audio-Only (Audio-only visits)
  2. Synchronous Real-Time Telehealth Video (Live video)
  3. Asynchronous Store and Forward (Store and Forward Telehealth, Asynchronous Telehealth)
  4. Remote Patient Monitoring (RPM, remote monitoring, remote physiologic monitoring, remote therapeutic monitoring, RTM)
  5. Mobile health (mHealth)
  6. Other Asynchronous Services

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Virtual (telemedicine/telehealth) contact between a patient and a licensed or credentialed provider who exercises his/her independent, professional judgment in the provision of services to the patient.

Virtual visits must be provided using interactive, synchronous audio and/or video telecommunication systems that permit real-time communication between the provider and a patient. Virtual visits should use codes that will result in accurate identification of virtual visits. These include telehealth-specific codes with the CPT or Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes such as G0071, G0406-G0408, G0425-G0427, G2025, modifier “.95,” or Place of Service code “02” to identify virtual visits.



**Examples and References**

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[CAHPS Clinician & Group Adult Visit Survey](#)

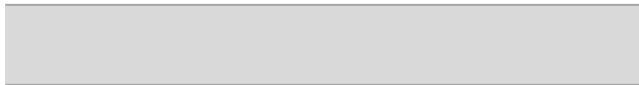
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**Examples of provider to provider asynchronous store and forward:**

- Secure emails with photos or videos of patient examination.
- Sending patient x-rays or other images to provider for evaluation.

**Examples of patient to provider asynchronous store and forward:**

- Youth completing a mental health assessment screener and sending to pediatrician through a patient portal.
- Email or text messages with follow-up instructions or confirmations (HHS).

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**Examples of mHealth:**

- Sleep tracker
- Fitness tracker
- Calmness app
- Step counter

**Examples that are NOT mHealth:**

- Smart phone or tablet applications (apps) that are used as an accessory to FDA defined “device” used for remote patient monitoring (e.g., an app for a continuous glucose monitor or an app that collects blood pressure data from a self-monitoring device).
- Automatic push notifications/reminders [see Other Asynchronous Services].

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**Examples of other asynchronous services:**

- Chatbot interactions that simulate human interaction.
- Asynchronous portal, email, or text messaging for general health promotion, disease prevention, promotion of health services, and/to provide care access information.
- Use of automatic reminders.
- Use of push notifications.

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**Examples of Remote Patient Monitoring:**

- Flash glucose monitor
- Continuous glucose monitor (CGM)
- Blood pressure monitor
- Oximetry monitor
- Pacemakers
- Telemetry monitor (when automatically collected)
- Remote Therapeutic Monitoring (e.g., inhaler that records use)

**Examples that are NOT Remote Patient Monitoring:**

- Patient independently chooses or receives a suggestion to use a Fitness tracker app (e.g. My Fitness Pal), but the app use does NOT meet the criteria for remote patient monitoring.

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**Examples of audio-only synchronous real-time telehealth:**

- Audio only calls to confirm instructions (HHS).

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**Examples of video-based synchronous real-time telehealth:**

- Video calls with remote physician to share progress or check on healing (HHS).
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## Reporting Guidance Summary

### BMR Table Template Titles, Instructions and Guidance

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#### **Table 1: Number of Unique Health Center Patients with Countable Visits**

Instructions: Enter the number of health center patients with countable visits for each visit type. Count each cell. Enter '0' to indicate there are 0 to 5 health center patients to report for a cell. To support patient privacy, do not enter patient counts fewer than 6 patients.

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#### **Table 2: Number of Unique Health Center Patients with Countable Visits by Service Category**

Instructions: Enter the number of health center patients with countable visits for each visit type by service category. Count each cell. Enter '0' to indicate there are 0 to 5 health center patients to report for a cell. To support patient privacy, do not enter patient counts fewer than 6 patients.

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#### **Table 3: Number of Countable Visits by Service Category**

Instructions: Enter the number of countable visits during for each visit type by service category. Enter '0' to indicate there are 0 to 5 health center patients to report for a cell. To support patient privacy, do not enter patient counts fewer than 6 patients.

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#### **Table 4: Number of Health Center Patients with Virtual Care Encounters During the Reporting Period**

Instructions: Enter the number of health center patients with at least one specified virtual care encounter during the reporting period. Count each health center patient only one time per cell. Enter '0' to indicate there are 0 to 5 health center patients to report for a cell. To support patient privacy, do not enter patient counts fewer than 6 patients.

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#### **Table 5: Number of Health Center Patients with Virtual Care Encounters During the Reporting Period by Service Category**

Instructions: Enter the number of health center patients with at least one specified virtual care encounter during the reporting period by service category. If applicable: Include health center patients with virtual encounters even if they do not have a countable visit. Count each health center patient only one time per cell. Enter '0' to indicate there are 0 to 5 health center patients to report for a cell. To support patient privacy, do not enter patient counts fewer than 6 patients.

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#### **Table 6: Number of Health Center Patients with Virtual Care Visits or Encounters During the Reporting Period by Hispanic or Latino/a Ethnicity**

Instructions: Enter the number of health center patients with at least one specified visit or encounter during the reporting period by Hispanic or Latino/a ethnicity. Count each health center patient only one time per cell. Enter '0' to indicate there are 0 to 5 health center patients to report for a cell. To support patient privacy, do not enter patient counts fewer than 6 patients.

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#### **Table 7: Number of Health Center Patients with Virtual Care Visits or Encounters During the Reporting Period by Special or Other Populations**

Instructions: Enter the number of health center patients with at least one specified visit or encounter during the reporting period by special or other populations. Count each health center patient only one time per cell. Enter '0' to indicate there are 0 to 5 health center patients to report for a cell. To support patient privacy, do not enter patient counts fewer than 6 patients.

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#### **Table 8: Number of Health Center Patients with Virtual Care Visits or Encounters During the Reporting Period by Primary Medical Insurance Type**

Instructions: Enter the number of health center patients with at least one specified visit or encounter during the reporting period by primary medical insurance type as of their most recent visit during the calendar year. Count each health center patient only one time per cell. Enter '0' to indicate there are 0 to 5 health center patients to report for a cell. To support patient privacy, do not enter patient counts fewer than 6 patients.

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#### **Table 9: Number of Health Center Patients with Virtual Care Visits or Encounters During the Reporting Period by Primary Medical Insurance Type**

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Instructions: Enter the number of health center patients with at least one specified visit or encounter during the reporting period for each indicated health center patient age ranges. ^Count each health center patient only one time per cell. Enter '0' to indicate there are 0 patients to report for a cell. To support patient privacy, do not enter patient counts fewer than 6 patients.

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**Table 10: Number of Health Center Patients with Countable Visits by In-Person or Virtual Care Type and Quality of Care Screening Measure Completion (Select 3 Measures)**

Instructions: Select three Quality of Care screening measures to report in rows a to j. Rows a to g provide cells to write in one or more different Quality of Care screening measures to choose from. Rows h to j provide cells to write in one or more different Quality of Care screening measures. Enter the number of health center patients who received specified in-person or virtual care during the 6-month reporting period for each selected quality of care screening measures. Only include health center patients with a "countable visit" during the reporting period. Count each health center patient only one time per cell. Enter '0' to indicate there are 0 to 5 health center patients to report for a cell. To support patient privacy, do not enter patient counts fewer than 6 patients. See "Guidance for Tables 10 and 11" tab for additional instructions

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**Table 11: Number of Health Center Patients with Countable Visits by In-Person or Virtual Care Type and Health Outcome Achievement (Select 1 Measure)**

Instructions: Select at least one Health Outcome measure to report in rows a to d. Rows a and b provide cells to write in one or more different Health Outcome measures to choose from. Rows c and d provide cells to write-in a different Health Outcome measure(s) monitored by the health center for health center patients who received specified in-person or virtual care during the 6-month reporting period. Only include health center patients with a countable visit during the 6-month reporting period. Count each health center patient only one time per cell. Enter '0' to indicate there are 0 to 5 health center patients to report for a cell. To support patient privacy, do not enter patient counts fewer than 6 patients. See "Guidance for Tables 10 and 11" tab for additional instructions

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**Table 12: Health Center Patient Overall Rating of Most Recent Countable Visit (Optional)**

Instructions: Enter the mean patient rating from the most recent countable visit. ^

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**Table 13: Health Center Patients Who Reported Receiving Instructions for Synchronous Video Virtual Care (Optional)**

Instructions: Enter the applicable number of health center patients. Enter '0' to indicate there are 0 to 5 health center patients to report for a cell. To support patient privacy, do not enter patient counts fewer than 6 patients.

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**Table 14: Overall Health Center Staffing**

Instructions: Enter the total number of FTEs per UDS Service Category for the entire health center for this reporting period for in-person and/or virtual care. Enter '0' to indicate there are no FTEs to report for a cell.

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**Table 15: FTE Virtual Care Training For the Entire Health Center**

Instructions: Follow the instructions provided for each item.

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**Table 16: Virtual Care Claims Reimbursement Changes**

Instructions: Select 'Yes' or 'No' for each item, and provide additional comments in Column B.

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**Table 17: Virtual Care Claims Submitted Versus Reimbursed by Virtual Care Types (Optional)**

Instructions: Enter the number of virtual care claims submitted and total claims reimbursed for each virtual care type during Reporting Period 1. Awardees may wait until Reporting Period 2 to begin reporting these data retroactively (due to claims processing).

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**Table 18: Virtual Care Claims Submitted Versus Reimbursed by Patient Primary Medical Insurance**



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Instructions: Enter the median appointment wait time in days during the 6-month reporting period for each applicable.

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**Table 19: Median Appointment Wait Time by Service Category**

Instructions: Enter the median appointment wait time in days during the 6-month reporting period for each applicable.

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**Table 20: Median Appointment Wait Time by Visit Type**

Instructions: Enter the median appointment wait time in days during the 6-month reporting period for each applicable.

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**Table 21: Virtual Care Strategic Deployment Self-Assessment Model Instrument**

Instructions: We recommend that at least two members of your OVC project team complete the self-assessment. Each team member should complete the assessment individually, then come together to discuss and arrive at consensus responses. For each item, select a "Maturity Level" in Column A and the corresponding "Maturity Level Description" in Column B. Identify a maturity level (basic, foundational, or advanced) that best fits your health center during the 6-month reporting period. Enter the maturity level in Column C. Enter the maturity level description in Column D "Possible Health Center Maturity Level Scores and Descriptions". Enter 'X' in the column corresponding to the one maturity level per item. In Column E, you may provide additional details on your health center's maturity level.

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**Share Additional Information**

Grant recipients may use this tab to submit any additional information, comments, or data findings not required by the instrument. For example, if your health center has a definable program for a specific patient population through the OVC grant, you may describe the program, specific telehealth visits and any other relevant information in the Share Additional Information tab.

## Reporting Guidance for Table 10 Quality of Care Screening Measures and Table 11 Health Outcome

### Important Considerations

Tables 10 and 11 from the Biannual Measures Report template (BMR) include Quality of Care and Health Outcome descriptions from the most recent Uniform Data Service (UDS) Manual. To access detailed measure specifications, see the UDS Manual and Program Assistance Letters (PALs).

(Link to PAL: <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/data-reporting/uds-training-and-technical-assistance/uniform-data-system-program-assistance-letters>)

In reporting data for these selected measures using the BMR, please note that ALL measure Exclusions/Exceptions, Reporting Guidance, and UDS Reporting Considerations described in the applicable UDS Manual and PAL apply.

The two major differences in Quality of Care and Health Outcome measure reporting in the BMR are as follows:

1. Reporting period: For the BMR, health centers will only report for a 6-month reporting period. (Note: This is a "reporting period" instead of "measurement period".)
2. Virtual care type: For the BMR, health centers will report measure numerators and denominators by virtual care type.

### Key Terms Referenced in Measurement Descriptions

- Denominator: Captures patients who fit the detailed criteria described for inclusion in the specific measure.
- Numerator: Captures patients (from the denominator) that meet the criteria for the specified measure.
- Denominator Exclusions: Identifies patients not to be considered for the measure and who are removed from the denominator when determining if numerator criteria are met.
- Denominator Exceptions: Identifies patients who meet denominator criteria but do not meet numerator criteria due to exceptions listed for the measure and are removed from the denominator.
- Specification Guidance: CMS measure guidance that assists with understanding and implementing eligible measures (eCQMs).
- UDS (OVC) Reporting Considerations: Describes Additional BPHC requirements and guidance that may differ from or expand on the eCQM specifications.

### Step-by-Step Example Using the Table 10 UDS Breast Cancer Screening Quality of Care Measure

#### Measure Description

Percentage of women 50\*–74 years of age who had a mammogram to screen for breast cancer in the 27-month measurement period. (\*Note: Use 51 as the initial age to include in assessment. See UDS Reporting Considerations.)

#### Calculate the Denominators and Numerators as follows:

##### Denominator: Column A

The number of women 51 through 73 years of age with a **medical visit during the 6-month reporting period**.

- Note: the 6-month time period differs from the UDS manual.
- See birthdate guidance in the UDS manual.

##### Denominator: Columns B, C, D, E, F, G, H

The number of women reported in Column A, who received the following virtual care type **during the 6-month reporting period**.

- Column B: at least one Face-to-Face (In-person) visit during the 6-month reporting period<sup>^</sup>
- Column C: at least one Synchronous/Live Audio Only virtual visit during the 6-month reporting period<sup>^</sup>

- Column D: at least one Synchronous/Live Video virtual visit during the 6-month reporting period<sup>^</sup>
- Column E: with at least one Asynchronous Store and Forward encounter during the 6-month reporting period<sup>^</sup>
- Column F: with at least one Remote Monitoring encounter during the 6-month reporting period<sup>^</sup>
- Column G: with at least one Mobile Health (mHealth) encounter during the 6-month reporting period<sup>^</sup>
- Column H: with at least one Other Asynchronous Technology encounter during the 6-month reporting period<sup>^</sup>

**Numerator:** Column A

Women with one or more mammograms during the 27 months prior to the **end of the reporting period**.

- Note: the 6-month time period differs from the UDS manual.

**Numerator:** Columns B, C, D, E, F, G, H

The number of women reported in Column A who received the following virtual care type:

- Column B: at least one Face-to-Face (In-person) visit during the 6-month reporting period<sup>^</sup>
- Column C: at least one Synchronous/Live Audio Only virtual visit during the 6-month reporting period<sup>^</sup>
- Column D: at least one Synchronous/Live Video virtual visit during the 6-month reporting period<sup>^</sup>
- Column E: with at least one Asynchronous Store and Forward encounter during the 6-month reporting period<sup>^</sup>
- Column F: with at least one Remote Monitoring encounter during the 6-month reporting period<sup>^</sup>
- Column G: with at least one Mobile Health (mHealth) encounter during the 6-month reporting period<sup>^</sup>
- Column H: with at least one Other Asynchronous Technology encounter during the 6-month reporting period<sup>^</sup>

### **Additional Resources**

Uniform Data System (UDS) Training and Technical Assistance: Clinical Care available at link: <https://bpho.org/uds>

[For measure information relevant to clinical measure reporting and virtual care, see "Telehealth Impact on Clinical Care"](#)

**(Note: More recent documentation may be available at the UDS technical assistance link)**

<sup>^</sup>See Terms and Definitions tab

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## Grant Recipient Information *(Please complete below)*

<b>Grant Recipient Organization Name</b>	<b>OVC Grant Number</b>

\*Reporting Period refers to the time period for data collection.

Reporting Period Guidance	
Reporting Period*	Data Collection Months
Reporting Period 1	Mar 2022 Apr 2022 May 2022 Jun 2022 Jul 2022 Aug 2022
Reporting Period 2	Sep 2022 Oct 2022 Nov 2022 Dec 2022 Jan 2023 Feb 2023
Reporting Period 3	Mar 2023 Apr 2023 May 2023 Jun 2023 Jul 2023 Aug 2023
Reporting Period 4	Sep 2023 Oct 2023 Nov 2023 Dec 2023 Jan 2024 Feb 2024

Public Burden Statement: Data collection for the Optimizing Virtual Care (OVC) Grant program will provide HRSA with information to guide future program and policy decisions regarding virtual care. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this information collection is 0906 -XXXX and it is valid until XX/XX/202X.

This information collection is required for HRSA-funded health centers to obtain or retain OVC grant funding. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 55.9 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 14N136B, Rockville, Maryland, 20857 or [paperwork@hrsa.gov](mailto:paperwork@hrsa.gov).

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**Reporting Period\***  
*(Please indicate if this submission is for Reporting Period 1, 2, 3 or 4. See the table below for guidance)*

**Data Submission due to HRSA**

10/5/2022

4/5/2023

10/5/2023

4/5/2024

**Table 1: Number of Unique Health Center Patients with Countable**

**Purpose:** Information in this table will be used to better understand

**Instructions:** Enter the number of health center patients with countable

*Count each health center patient only one time per cell. Enter '0' if no patients.*

*To support patient privacy, do not enter patient counts fewer than 10.*

Health Center Patients

All health center patients

^See the Terms and Definitions tab for countable visit and care type

Table 1 Additional Comments

*(300 Word Max, enter 'n/a' if no comments)*

**Table 2: Number of Unique Health Center Patients with Countable**

**Purpose:** Information in this table will be used to better understand

**Instructions:** Enter the number of health center patients with countable

*Count each health center patient only one time per cell. Enter '0' if no patients.*

*To support patient privacy, do not enter patient counts fewer than 10.*

UDS Service Category^

a. Medical^

b. Dental^

c. Mental Health^

d. Substance Use Disorder^

e. Other Professional Services^

f. Vision^
g. Enabling Services^
^See the Terms and Definitions tab for countable visit, UDS Servi
Table 2 Additional Comments <i>(300 Word Max, enter 'n/a' if no comments)</i>

<b>Table 3: Number of Countable Visits by Service Category</b>
<b>Purpose:</b> Information in this table will be used to better understand
<b>Instructions:</b> Enter the number of countable visits during for each
<i>Enter '0' to indicate there are 0 to 5 visits to report for a cell.</i>
<i>To support patient privacy, do not enter patient counts fewer than</i>
UDS Service Category^
a. Medical^
b. Dental^
c. Mental Health^
d. Substance Use Disorder^
e. Other Professional Services^
f. Vision^
g. Enabling Services^
h. Total Number of Countable Visits During the Reporting Period <i>(Sum a to g)</i>
^See the Terms and Definitions tab for countable visit, UDS Servi
Table 3 Additional Comments <i>(300 Word Max, enter 'n/a' if no comments)</i>



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<p>nd variations in the number of health center patients with countable visits ac  countable visits for each visit type.</p> <p><i>to indicate there are 0 to 5 health center patients to report for a cell.  n 6 patients.</i></p>	
<p>A. Total number of unique health center patients with at least one countable visit during the 12 months prior to the last day of the reporting period^</p>	<p>B. Total number of unique health center patients with at least one countable visit during the 6-month reporting period^</p>

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e Visits by Service Category	
<p>nd variation in the number of health center patients with countable vists acro  countable visits for each visit type by service category.</p> <p><i>to indicate there are 0 to 5 health center patients to report for a cell.  n 6 patients.</i></p>	
<p>A. Total number of unique health center patients with at least one countable visit during the 12 months prior to the last day of the reporting period^</p>	<p>B. Total number of unique health center patients with at least one countable visit during the 6-month reporting period^</p>


Service Category, and care type definitions.

and variation in health center patients' countable visits across service categories by visit type by service category.

*n 6 patients.*

A. Total number of countable visits during the 12 months prior to the last day of the reporting period^	B. Total number of countable visits during the 6-month reporting period^

Service Category, and care type definitions.

cross care types.	
<b>C. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Face-to-Face (in-person) visit during the 6-month reporting period^</b>	<b>D. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Synchronous Live Audio Only OR Synchronous Live Video virtual visit during the 6-month reporting period^</b>

cross service categories.	
<b>C. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Face-to-Face (in-person) visit during the 6-month reporting period^</b>	<b>D. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Synchronous Live Audio Only OR Synchronous Live Video virtual visit during the 6-month reporting period^</b>



<b>E. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Synchronous Live Audio Only virtual visit during the 6-month reporting period^</b>	<b>F. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Synchronous Live Video virtual visit during the 6-month reporting period^</b>

<b>E. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Synchronous Live Audio Only virtual visit during the 6-month reporting period^</b>	<b>F. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Synchronous Live Video virtual visit during the 6-month reporting period^</b>



**Table 4: Number of Health Center Patients with Virtual Care Encounters During the Reporting Period**

**Purpose:** Information in this table will be used to better understand overall health center performance.

**Instructions:** Enter the number of health center patients with at least one specified virtual care encounter during the reporting period. *Count each health center patient only one time per cell. Enter '0' to indicate there are no patients.*  
*To support patient privacy, do not enter patient counts fewer than 6 patients.*

UDS Service Category^

a. Health center patients with at least one countable visit during the reporting period

b. Health center patients with NO countable visit during the reporting period *(if applicable)*

^See the Terms and Definitions tab for UDS Service Category, countable visit, virtual care encounter

**Table 4 Comments:**  
*(300 Word Max, enter 'n/a' if no comments)*

**Table 5: Number of Health Center Patients with Virtual Care Encounters During the Reporting Period**

**Purpose:** Information in this table will be used to explore differences in health center performance.

**Instructions:** Enter the number of health center patients with at least one specified virtual care encounter during the reporting period. *If applicable: Include health center patients with virtual encounters even if they do not have a countable visit.*  
*Count each health center patient only one time per cell. Enter '0' to indicate there are no patients.*  
*To support patient privacy, do not enter patient counts fewer than 6 patients.*

**UDS Service Category**

a. Medical^

b. Dental^

c. Mental Health^

d. Substance Use Disorder^

e. Other Professional Services^

f. Vision^

g. Enabling Services^

^See the Terms and Definitions tab for UDS Service Category, countable visit, virtual

Table 5 Comments:

*(300 Word Max, enter 'n/a' if no comments)*

**Table 6: Number of Health Center Patients with Virtual Care Visits or Encounters During**

**Purpose:** Information in this table will be used to explore differences in health center

**Instructions:** Enter the number of health center patients with at least one specified visit

*Count each health center patient only one time per cell. Enter '0' to indicate there are*

*To support patient privacy, do not enter patient counts fewer than 6 patients.*



**Race and Hispanic or Latino/a Ethnicity^**

**Hispanic or Latino/a**

**a. Asian**

**b. Native Hawaiian**

**c. Other Pacific Islander**

**d. Black/African American**

**e. American Indian/Alaskan Native**

**f. White**

**g. More than one race**

**h. Unreported/Refused to report race**

**Not Hispanic or Latino/a**

**a. Asian**

**b. Native Hawaiian**

**c. Other Pacific Islander**

**d. Black/African American**

**e. American Indian/Alaskan Native**

f. White
g. More than one race
h. Unreported/Refused to report race
i. Unreported/ Refused to report ethnicity

^See the Terms and Definitions tab for countable visit, race, ethnicity, virtual care typ

Table 6 Comments:

*(300 Word Max, enter 'n/a' if no comments)*

**Table 7: Number of Health Center Patients with Virtual Care Visits or Encounters Duri**

**Purpose:** Information in this table will be used to explore differences in patients' virtu

**Instructions:** Enter the number of health center patients with at least one specified vis

*Count each health center patient only one time per cell. Enter '0' to indicate there are*

*To support patient privacy, do not enter patient counts fewer than 6 patients.*

**Special and Other Populations**

a. Migratory and seasonal agricultural workers

b. Homeless population

c. Residents of public housing

e. Health center patients from school-based health centers

f. Veterans

g. Limited English Proficient^ populations

^See the Terms and Definitions tab for countable visit, Limited English Proficiency, v

Table 7 Comments:

*(300 Word Max, enter 'n/a' if no comments)*

**Table 8: Number of Health Center Patients with Virtual Care Visits or Encounters Duri**

**Purpose:** Information in this table will be used to explore differences in health center

**Instructions:** Enter the number of health center patients with at least one specified vis

*Count each health center patient only one time per cell. Enter '0' to indicate there are*

*To support patient privacy, do not enter patient counts fewer than 6 patients.*

Insurance type

a. None/Uninsured

b. Medicaid/CHIP/Other Public

c. Medicare

d. Private

^See the Terms and Definitions tab for countable visit, virtual care types and encount

Table 8 Comments:

*(300 Word Max, enter 'n/a' if no comments)*



<b>Reporting Period</b>	
<b>Number of unique health center patient virtual care access and utilization.</b>	
<b>Number of unique health center virtual care encounter during the reporting period.^</b>	
<b><i>0 to 5 health center patients to report for a cell.</i></b>	
<b>A. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Asynchronous Store and Forward encounter during the 6-month reporting period^</b>	<b>B. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Remote Monitoring encounter during the 6-month reporting period^</b>
<b>Reporting Period, by Service Category</b>	
<b>Number of unique health center patients' virtual care access and utilization across service categories.</b>	
<b>Number of unique health center virtual care encounter during the reporting period by service category.</b>	
<b><i>0 to 5 health center patients to report for a cell.</i></b>	
<b>Reporting Period, by Service Category</b>	
<b>Number of unique health center patients' virtual care access and utilization across service categories.</b>	
<b>Number of unique health center virtual care encounter during the reporting period by service category.</b>	
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<b>Number of unique health center virtual care encounter during the reporting period by service category.</b>	
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<b>Reporting Period, by Service Category</b>	
<b>Number of unique health center patients' virtual care access and utilization across service categories.</b>	
<b>Number of unique health center virtual care encounter during the reporting period by service category.</b>	
<b><i>0 to 5 health center patients to report for a cell.</i></b>	

A. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Asynchronous Store and Forward encounter during the 6-month reporting period^	B. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Remote Monitoring encounter during the 6-month reporting period^

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virtual care types, and encounter definitions.

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*0 to 5 health center patients to report for a cell.*

A. Number of unique health center patients with at least one countable visit during the 6-month reporting period <sup>^</sup>	B. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Face-to-Face (in-person) visit during the 6-month reporting period <sup>^</sup>

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*0 to 5 health center patients to report for a cell.*

A. Number of unique health center patients with at least one countable visit during the 6-month reporting period^	B. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Face-to-Face (in-person) visit during the 6-month reporting period^

ter definitions.

<b>C. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Mobile Health (mHealth) encounter during the 6-month reporting period^</b>	<b>D. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Other Asynchronous Technology encounter during the 6-month reporting period^</b> <i>(If Applicable, use the "Table 4 Comments" Box to briefly describe types of "Other Asynchronous technology" used.)</i>

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C. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Mobile Health (mHealth) encounter during the 6-month reporting period <sup>^</sup>	D. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Other Asynchronous Technology encounter during the 6-month reporting period <sup>^</sup>

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 and Hispanic or Latino/a ethnicity.

<b>C. Number of unique health center patients with at least one synchronous virtual care countable visit during the 6-month reporting period<sup>^</sup> (Include Synchronous Live Audio only OR Synchronous Live Video visits)</b>	<b>D. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Synchronous Live Audio Only virtual visit during the 6-month reporting period<sup>^</sup></b>


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<b>t populations.</b>	
<b>ter patient special or other populations.</b>	
<b>C. Number of unique health center patients with at least one synchronous virtual care countable visit during the 6-month reporting period<sup>^</sup> (Include Synchronous Live Audio only OR Synchronous Live Video visits)</b>	<b>D. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Synchronous Live Audio Only virtual visit during the 6-month reporting period<sup>^</sup></b>


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<p>patient insurance type.</p> <p>patient primary medical insurance type as of their most recent</p>	
<p><b>C. Number of unique health center patients with at least one synchronous virtual care countable visit during the 6-month reporting period<sup>^</sup> (Include Synchronous Live Audio only OR Synchronous Live Video visits)</b></p>	<p><b>D. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Synchronous Live Audio Only virtual visit during the 6-month reporting period<sup>^</sup></b></p>

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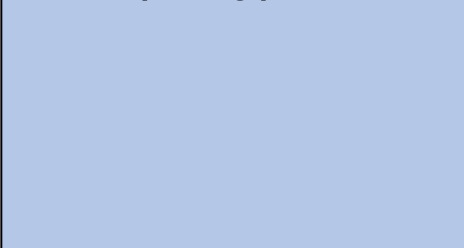
<p>indicated health center patient age ranges.^</p>	
<p><b>C. Number of unique health center patients with at least one synchronous virtual care countable visit during the 6-month reporting period^ (Include Synchronous Live Audio only OR Synchronous Live Video visits)</b></p>	<p><b>D. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Synchronous Live Audio Only virtual visit during the 6-month reporting period^</b></p>

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<b>E. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Asynchronous store and forward, remote monitoring, mobile health, OR other asynchronous technology encounters, during the 6-month reporting period^</b>


**E. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Asynchronous store and forward, remote monitoring, mobile health, OR other asynchronous technology encounters, during the 6-month reporting period^**





**E. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Synchronous Live Video virtual visit during the 6-month reporting period^**

**F. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Asynchronous Store and Forward encounter during the 6-month reporting period  
*(If applicable: Include health center patients with virtual encounters even if they do not have a countable visit.)^***


<b>E. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Synchronous Live Video virtual visit during the 6-month reporting period^</b>	<b>F. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Asynchronous Store and Forward encounter during the 6-month reporting period</b> <i>(If applicable: Include health center patients with virtual encounters even if they do not have a countable visit.)^</i>


visit during the calendar year.^	
<b>E. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Synchronous Live Video virtual visit during the 6-month reporting period^</b>	<b>F. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Asynchronous Store and Forward encounter during the 6-month reporting period <i>(If applicable: Include health center patients with virtual encounters even if they do not have a countable visit.)^</i></b>











<b>G. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Remote Monitoring encounter during the 6-month reporting period<sup>^</sup></b> <i>(If applicable: Include health center patients with virtual encounters even if they do not have a countable visit.)<sup>^</sup></i>	<b>H. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Mobile Health (mHealth) encounter during the 6-month reporting period<sup>^</sup></b> <i>(If applicable: Include health center patients with virtual encounters even if they do not have a countable visit.)<sup>^</sup></i>







<b>I. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Other Asynchronous Technology encounter during the 6-month reporting period</b> <i>(If applicable: Include health center patients with virtual encounters even if they do not have a countable visit.)</i> <sup>^</sup>


<b>I. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Other Asynchronous Technology encounter during the 6-month reporting period</b> <i>(If applicable: Include health center patients with virtual encounters even if they do not have a countable visit.)</i> <sup>^</sup>







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Table 10 Comments: (300 Word Max, enter 'n/a' if no comments)									

**Table 11: Number of Health Center Patients with Countable Visits by In-Person or Virtual Care Types and Health Outcome Measures Achievement (Select 1 Measure)**

**Purpose:** Information in this table will be used to better understand variations in use of in-person or virtual care types for patients with specified health outcomes.  
**Instructions:** Select at least one Health Outcome measure to report in rows a to d. Rows a and b provide a list of possible health outcome measures to choose from. Rows c and d provide cells to write-in a different Health Outcome measure(s) monitored by your health center.  
Enter the number of health center patients who received specified in-person or virtual care during the 6-month reporting period AND ALSO completed selected Health Outcome measure. Only include health center patients with a countable visit during the 6-month reporting period.  
Count each health center patient only one time per cell. Enter '0' to indicate there are 0 to 5 health center patients to report for a cell.  
To support patient privacy, do not enter patient counts fewer than 6 patients.  
See "Guidance for Tables 10 and 11" tab for additional instructions

	A. Number of unique health center patients with a medical visit during the 6-month reporting period	B. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Face-to-Face (In-person) visit during the 6-month reporting period <sup>a</sup>	C. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Synchronous/Live Audio Only virtual visit during the 6-month reporting period <sup>a</sup>	D. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Synchronous/Live Video virtual visit during the 6-month reporting period <sup>a</sup>	E. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Asynchronous Store and Forward encounter during the 6-month reporting period <sup>a</sup>	F. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Remote Monitoring encounter during the 6-month reporting period <sup>a</sup>	G. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Mobile Health (mHealth) encounter during the 6-month reporting period <sup>a</sup>	H. Number of unique health center patients with at least one Other Asynchronous Technology encounter during the 6-month reporting period <sup>a</sup>
<b>Health Outcomes Measures</b> <i>(Select at least 1 measure below to complete)</i>								
<b>a. Controlling High Blood Pressure: (CMS165v10)</b> <i>(See most recent UDS Manual for denominator exclusions/exceptions, specification guidance, and reporting considerations)</i>								
a.1. Denominator: Patients 18 through 84 years of age who had a diagnosis of essential hypertension starting before and continuing into, or starting during the first 6 months of the reporting period with a medical visit during the reporting period								
a.2. Numerator: Patients whose most recent blood pressure is adequately controlled (systolic blood pressure less than 140 mmHg and diastolic blood pressure less than 90 mmHg) during the reporting period <i>(Must also meet denominator criteria)</i>								
<b>b. Diabetes Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Poor Control: (CMS122v10)</b> <i>(See most recent UDS Manual for denominator exclusions/exceptions, specification guidance, and reporting considerations)</i>								
b.1. Denominator: Patients 18 through 74 years of age with diabetes with a medical visit during the reporting period								
b.2. Numerator: Patients whose most recent HbA1c level performed during the reporting period was greater than 9.0%, or was missing, or was not performed during the reporting period								
<b>c. Other Outcome Measure <i>(Write in):</i></b>								
c.1. Denominator: <i>(Write in)</i>								
c.2. Numerator: <i>(Write In):</i>								
<b>d. Other Outcome Measure <i>(Write in):</i></b>								
d.1. Denominator: <i>(Write in)</i>								
d.2. Numerator: <i>(Write In):</i>								
^See the Terms and Definitions tab								
Table 11 Comments: (300 Word Max, enter 'n/a' if no comments)								

**Table 12: Health Center Patient Overall Rating of Most Recent Countable Visit (Optional)**

**Optional:** Applicable only for health centers that implement the CAHPS Clinical and Group Visit Adult 4.0 (Beta) Survey

**Purpose:** Information in this table will be used to examine variation in patient ratings of in-person and virtual visits.

**Instructions:** Enter the mean patient rating from the most recent countable visit.<sup>a</sup>

	A. Mean patient rating of most recent visit (Range 0 to 10) <i>(Refer to CAHPS Survey Item 21: "Using any number 0 to 10, where 0 is the worst visit possible and 10 is the best visit possible, what number would you use to rate your most recent visit?"</i>
Patient CAHPS Survey Respondents	

a. All Patients who responded to item 21 of the CAHPS Clinical and Group Survey and Instructions Adult 4.0 (beta)	
b. Patients with most recent visit with provider in person	
c. Patients with most recent visit with provider by phone	
d. Patients with most recent visit with provider by video visit	

Note: If your health center did not administer the CAHPS survey, but collected similar virtual care patient satisfaction data using a comparable survey please report the survey name, questions, response options, and response data in the Share Additional Data tab.

^ See the Terms and Definitions tab for countable visit definition

Table 12 Comments: <i>(300 Word Max, enter 'n/a' if no comments)</i>

Table 13: Health Center Patients Who Reported Receiving Instructions for Synchronous Video Virtual Care Visit (Optional)

*(Optional: Applicable only for health centers that implement the CAHPS Clinical and Group Visit Adult 4.0 (beta) Survey)*

Purpose: Information in this table will be used to examine variation in instructions provided to patients.

Instructions: Enter the applicable number of health center patients.

Enter '0' to indicate there are 0 to 5 health center patients to report for a cell. To support patient privacy, do not enter patient counts fewer than 6 patients.

	A. Number of patients who completed the CAHPS Clinical and Group Survey and Instructions Adult 4.0 (beta)	B. Number of patients who reported last visit was synchronous, video virtual care visit	C. Number of patients who responded (1-Yes) to Item 6: "Did you need instructions from this provider's office about how to use video for this visit?" of the CAHPS Clinical and Group Survey and Instructions Adult 4.0 (beta)	D. Adults who responded (1-Yes) to Item 7: "Did this provider's office give you all the instructions you needed to use video for this visit?"
Patients CAHPS Survey Respondents				
a. Health Center Patients				

Note: If your health center did not administer the CAHPS survey, but collected similar virtual care patient satisfaction data using a comparable survey please report the survey name, questions, response options, and response data in the Share Additional Information tab.

Table 13 Comments: <i>(300 Word Max, enter 'n/a' if no comments)</i>

**Table 14: Overall Health Center Staffing**

**Purpose:** Information in this table will be used to examine variation in FTEs across rep

**Instructions:** Enter the total number of FTEs per UDS Service Category for the entire h  
Include FTEs for in-person and/or virtual care.

*Enter '0' to indicate there are no FTEs to report for a cell.*

UDS Service Category\*

a. Medical

b. Dental

c. Mental Health

d. Substance Use Disorder

e. Other Professional Services

f. Vision

g. Enabling Services

h. Pharmacy

i. Other Programs and Services

j. Quality Improvement Personnel

k. Total Facility and Non-Clinical Support Personnel

\*See the Terms and Definitions tab for UDS Service Category definitions and applicab

**Table 14 Comments: (Optional)**

*(300 Word Max, enter 'n/a' if no comments)*

**Table 15: FTE Virtual Care Training For the Entire Health Center**

**Purpose:** Information in this table will be used to examine staff virtual care training av

**Instructions:** Follow the instructions provided for each item.

**Training Resources**

a. Internal Virtual Care Training: Did FTEs at your health center receive virtual care training(s) provided by internal health center staff during the 6-month reporting period? *(Enter Yes or No)*

b. External Virtual Care Training: Did FTEs at your health center receive virtual care training(s) provided by external entities (e.g., other organizations, vendors, contractors) during the 6-month reporting period? *(Enter Yes or No)*

b.1. *[If "yes", virtual care training provided by external entity]* List external entities and the training(s) they provided in cell to the right. *(Separate multiple entries using commas)*

Table 15 Comments: (Optional)  
*(300 Word Max, enter 'n/a' if no comments)*

**Table 16: Virtual Care Claims Reimbursement Changes**

**Purpose:** Information in this table will be used to track virtual care claims reimburse

**Instructions:** Select 'Yes' or 'No' for each item, and provide additional comments in Co

**Virtual Care Visit Claims Reimbursement Prompt**

a. Did your health center observe any state or payer changes that contributed to FEWER virtual care visit claims reimbursed during the 6-month reporting period?

b. Did your health center observe any state or payer changes that contributed to MORE virtual care visit claims reimbursed during the 6-month reporting period?

Table 16 Comments: (Optional)  
*(300 Word Max, enter 'n/a' if no comments)*

**Table 17: Virtual Care Claims Submitted Versus Reimbursed by Virtual Care Types (O**

**Purpose:** Information in this table will be used to examine variation in the reimburse

**Instructions:** Enter the number of virtual care claims submitted and total claims reimk

*(Note: Table 17 is optional during Reporting Period 1. Awardees may wait until Report*

**In-Person and Virtual Care Types**

**a. Face-to-face (In-person) Visits**

**b. Synchronous Live Audio Only**

**c. Synchronous Live Video**

**d. Asynchronous Store and Forward**

**e. Remote Monitoring**

**f. Mobile Health (mHealth)**

**g. Other Asynchronous Technology**

**(Write In):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Table 17 Comments: (Optional)**

**(300 Word Max, enter 'n/a' if no comments)**

**Table 18: Virtual Care Claims Submitted Versus Reimbursed by Patient Primary Medic**

**Purpose: Information in this table will be used to examine variation in the reimbursemen**

**Instructions: Enter the number of virtual care claims submitted and total claims reimb**

**(Note: Table 18 is optional during Reporting Period 1. Awardees may wait until Report**

**Medical Insurance Type**

**a. None/Uninsured**

**b. Medicaid/CHIP/Other Public**

**c. Medicare**

**d. Private**

**e. Total Patients**

**Table 18 Comments: (Optional)**  
*(300 Word Max, enter 'n/a' if no comments)*

**Table 19: Median Appointment Wait Time by Service Category**

**Purpose:** Information in this table will be used to examine variations in appointment a

**Instructions:** Enter the median appointment wait time in days during the 6-month repo

**UDS Service Category^**

**a. Medical**

**b. Dental**

**c. Mental Health**

**d. Substance Use Disorder**

**e. Vision**

**f. Other professional**

**g. Enabling**

**h. Total Patients**

**\*Optional:** In Column B, select and report an alternative measure for appointment avai  
Report per service category. Please use the "Write in" line to describe your measure.

**Tables 19 Comments:**  
*(300 Word Max, enter 'n/a' if no comments)*

**Table 20: Median Appointment Wait Time by Visit Type**

**Purpose:** Information in this table will be used to examine variation in appointment availability.  
**Instructions:** Enter the median appointment wait time in days during the 6-month reporting period.

**Visit Type**

**a. Face-to-face (In-person) Visits**

**b. Synchronous Live Audio Only**

**c. Synchronous Live Video**

**\*Optional:** In Column B, select and report an alternative measure for appointment availability. Report per visit type. Please use the "Write In" line to describe your measure.

**Table 20 Comments:**  
*(300 Word Max, enter 'n/a' if no comments)*



reporting periods.
health center for this reporting period.
A. Total number of FTEs for the entire health center on the last day of the reporting period <i>(Calculate FTEs based on total staff hours)</i>

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availability and types across reporting periods.
A. Enter Yes or No Response

<b>Write in: 100 Word Max, enter 'n/a' if no response</b>

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<b>A. Enter Yes or No Response</b>

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<b>ent of virtual care claims by virtual care type.</b>
<b>oursed for each virtual care type.</b>
<b>ing Period 2 to begin reporting these data retrospectively to</b>

**A. Number of virtual care claims submitted during the six months prior to the start of the current reporting period**  
*(For example: During Reporting Period 2, share data from Reporting Period 1).*


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**A. Number of virtual care claims submitted during the six months prior to the current reporting period**  
*(For example: During Reporting Period 2, share data from Reporting Period 1).*


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availability and wait time.

Reporting period for each UDS Service Category or 'n/a' if not applicable

**A. Median appointment wait time (in days)**


availability, such as, "When is your third next available appointment?"

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availability and wait time by visit type.

reporting period for each visit type or 'n/a' if not applicable.

A. Median appointment wait time (in days)

availability, such as, "When is your third next available appointment



<b>B. <i>Optional</i>:</b> Please describe the change in reimbursement, or enter 'n/a' if no comments

<b><i>provide sufficient time for claims processing).</i></b>

**B. Number of claims reimbursed during the six months prior to the start of the current reporting period (*For example: During Reporting Period 2, share data from Reporting Period 1*).**


*provide sufficient time for claims processing).*  
**B. Number of claims reimbursed during the six months prior to the current reporting period (*For example: During Reporting Period 2, share data from Reporting Period 1*).**




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applicable.

**B. *Optional (For health centers that do not complete column A):* Alternative Appointment Availability Measure.\***  
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**B. *Optional (For health centers that do not complete column A):* Alternative Appointment Availability Measure.\***  
***Write In:*** \_\_\_\_\_

ment?"

**Table 21: Virtual Care Strategic Deployment Self-Assessment Model Instr**

**Purpose:** Information from OVC awardees' self- assessments will be used to identify t

**Instructions:** We recommend that at least two members of your OVC project team cor  
For items a. through j., read the "Virtual Care Strategic Deployment Leadership Catego

Identify a maturity level (basic, foundational, or advanced) that best fits your health ce

*Select only one maturity level per item.* In Column E, you may provide additional detai

<p><i>Enter the roles of the OVC project team members completing the assessment. Use semicolons to separate multiple individuals:</i></p>	<p><i>(Team Member Roles):</i></p>	
<p><b>A. Virtual Care Strategic Deployment Leadership Category and Dimension</b></p>	<p><b>B. Maturity Assessment Question</b></p>	<p><b>C. Enter 'X' to select the appropriate maturity level</b></p>
<p><b>a. Leadership</b></p>	<p>How would you describe your health center leaders' commitment to immediate and long-term adoption of virtual care operations?</p>	<p></p>
<p><b>b. Governance</b></p>	<p>How would you describe your health center leaders' commitment to a permanent health center-wide virtual care governance/strategic oversight structure?</p>	<p></p>

<b>c. Technology Platforms: Virtual Care Devices</b>	<b>How successfully has your health center met the hardware and software support needs of providers, staff and patients for the desired synchronous and asynchronous virtual care operations?</b>	
<b>d. Technology Platforms: Technology Support</b>	<b>How successfully has your health center met the technical support needs of providers, staff and patients for the desired synchronous and asynchronous virtual care operations?</b>	

**e. Technology Platforms:  
Cybersecurity Support**

**How would you describe your health center's cybersecurity infrastructure protections, user protocols, and training necessary to counter existing and emerging cybersecurity threats?**


<p><b>f. Virtual Care Operations: Operational and Clinical Standards</b></p>	<p><b>At your health center, to what degree has virtual care functioned with the same or better care and operational quality standards as in-person care?</b></p>		
<p><b>g. Virtual Care Operations: Provider/Staff Engagement</b></p>	<p><b>At your health center, how proficient are providers and staff in using virtual care tools in terms of access (hardware, software, connectivity, setting, language), training, usability, and coordination across teams?</b></p>		

<b>h. Virtual Care Operations: Patient and Family Engagement</b>	<b>At your health center, how proficient or engaged are patients, families, and caregivers in virtual care in terms of access (hardware, software, connectivity, setting, language), digital health literacy, and use?</b>	

<p><b>i. Health Equity: Awareness</b></p>	<p>How successful has your health center been in creating awareness of varying levels of access to and uptake of virtual care in their patient population and the impact of virtual care on inequities in access, care, experience, and outcomes?</p>	
<p><b>j. Health Equity: Action</b></p>	<p>At your health center, to what degree are virtual care processes intentionally designed to create equitable access to care and reduce health disparities in the population served?</p>	
<p>Citation: Meyers, JF. (2021) Virtual Care Strategic and Tactical Deployment Maturity Self-Assessment</p>		
<p>This document presents a model adapted from the Virtual Care Strategic and Tactical Deployment Maturity Self-Assessment</p>		



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topics for future coaching sessions or Technical Assistance through your HRSA Project Officer.

Complete the self-assessment. Each team member should complete the assessment individually, then enter the "Maturity Level and Dimensions" in Column A and the corresponding "Maturity Assessment Question" in Column B.

Enter the maturity level score for each question during the 6-month reporting period based on the descriptions in Column D "Possible Health Center Maturity Levels" and the corresponding "Maturity Assessment Question" in Column B. Enter the average maturity level score based on the prompts.

### D. Possible Health Center Maturity Level and Descriptions

#### Basic-Level Maturity

- Leaders leverage virtual care as a short-term, tactical response to a crisis (e.g., the COVID-19 pandemic).
- Approaches to virtual care are locally defined and fragmented across departments.
- Leaders rely on existing infrastructure and resources to address the shift to virtual care.

#### Foundational-Level Maturity

- Leaders support a more permanent virtual care deployment plan that integrates telehealth into standard care.
- Board and enterprise leaders allocate sufficient resources and staff to meet the demands of the new virtual care model.

#### Advanced-Level Maturity

- Virtual care is incorporated into and is a specifically identified tool to support the broader health center strategy.
- A virtual care strategic plan, approved by senior leaders, guides all virtual care operations, equitable access, and investment strategies.

#### Basic-Level Maturity

- Oversight of virtual care falls to existing in-person care oversight processes.
- Existing operational governance structures remain unchanged and there are no new operational or clinical processes in place specifically for virtual care processes.

#### Foundational-Level Maturity

- A virtual care governance structure is established health center-wide.
- Virtual care structure, process and outcome metrics are defined, tracked, and acted upon.
- Virtual care governing bodies include all levels of staff (e.g., senior leaders, front-line workers) from across the organization (e.g., inpatient, ambulatory care, IT, ambulatory care).

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### **Advanced-Level Maturity**

- Virtual care governance structures include patients and caregivers from under-resourced communities they served.
- Success measures for virtual care processes and outcomes are aligned with health center goals and community inequities.

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### **Basic-Level Maturity**

- Synchronous and asynchronous "use-what-we-have" devices are used to support virtual care operations.
- Different solutions exist throughout the health center and with the home-based workforce.
- Departments purchase hardware and software to fill in gaps without regard for health center-wide consistency.

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### **Foundational-Level Maturity**

- The health center plans for and begins purchasing common hardware and software solutions across the care operational needs.
- Hardware and software consistency leads to greater acceptance of virtual care operations.
- Virtual care hardware and software quality and options are standardized for the home-based workforce.

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### **Advanced-Level Maturity**

- Virtual care supporting hardware and software options balance the need for common platforms with consistency and the desire for newer "competitive edge" options.
- User friendliness and staff acceptance increases dramatically with existing workforce devices (e.g., smartphones, computers, laptops).
- Privacy and security are consistently high across all available devices.
- Consistently branded and professional patient-facing video platforms and virtual backgrounds are provided.

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### **Basic-Level Maturity**

- Technical support mode is "use or adapt the tech support team we have".
- Technical support staff work from home and in-person as the environment dictates.
- Portions of the technical support staff begin to retrain to support virtual care technologies.

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### **Foundational-Level Maturity**

- Technology support functions are reorganized to more permanently meet the needs of the new virtual care operations.
- Leaders and technical support staff specifically trained in virtual care technologies are hired.
- Resources are researched, purchased, and allocated that specifically support home-based staff needs (e.g., etc.).
- Technical support staff may join pre-telehealth visit workflows to help staff and patients prepare for proper use.
- Just-in-time short-term contract support is used where appropriate to remain nimble as the virtual care operations evolve.

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### **Advanced-Level Maturity**

- IT departments consider new health center structures that respond more nimbly to emerging virtual care support needs.
  - Decentralized virtual care "coordinator" functions may embed into operational departments.
  - The technical support staff provide support for home- and community-based virtual care connection centers for vulnerable populations.
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**Basic-Level Maturity Response**

- Security and privacy protocols and staff training continue in pre-pandemic format and do not include any virtual care operational risks.
  - Awareness of potential security and privacy threats specific to increased use of virtual care technologies
  - "Crisis reaction" deployment of telehealth platforms rely on the data and security protections organic to o
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**Foundational-Level Maturity Response**

- Cybersecurity harm reduction efforts cover broad infrastructure threats and are not typically targeted to u extending protection for HIPAA compliance into the various virtual care settings; rely on in-house expertise and brokers of data to provide their own cybersecurity protections.
  - Awareness of HIPAA, privacy, and cyber-security threats specific to virtual care operations relies on in-h measures are often reactive, are slow to be put in place and are only moderately successful at increasing cybersecurity risks.
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**Advanced-Level Maturity**

- Cybersecurity harm reduction efforts are targeted to virtual care risk; have audit processes and training in security compliance and cybersecurity protection; cover all technology infrastructure, data exchange platform processes; engage external cybersecurity expertise; and protect processes across all virtual care operations
  - In-house IT team and external stakeholders partner to increase awareness of and anticipate the unique H threats emerging across virtual care and technology exchange platforms; target threats specific to virtual c risk mitigation procedures in place; assure that health information exchanges, external brokers of data and levels of cybersecurity in place; and train users regularly on measures to avoid these risks.
  - IT infrastructure and data storage processes incorporate redundant and backup procedures and to minimize exchange down times and/or "bad actor" strikes.
  - Health center-wide standards for virtual care technologies are established to improve users'/patients' level security protection concerns.
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**Basic-Level Maturity**

- Standards of care continue in crisis-response mode.
  - Focus is on primarily keeping patients, providers and staff safe - and only conducting visits in-person with Providers are accepting care delivery limitations and attempting the most complete care possible given the
  - Care is typically characterized by limited-to-no vital signs collection, limited care team coordination, and " given-situation."
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### **Foundational-Level Maturity**

- Virtual care quality standards aim for equal or better care quality compared to in-person care.
- Virtual care workflows link to all necessary integrated team-based care team and admin processes (e.g. monitoring, vital signs collection, etc.).
- Quality improvement oversight and structure, process, and outcome measures integrate virtual care operations.
- Protocols are formalized to appropriately triage patients to in-person or virtual care options and to take in-person care when needed.
- Telecommuting protocols for staff and providers are standardized to create consistent well-being, connectedness, and work-life balance.
- The patient portal becomes a viable and user-friendly pathway for patient-facing pre-visit and post-visit activities including eligibility screening, pre-visit surveys, check-in, linking to virtual care visit, post-visit follow-up, and completion of care.
- Permanent, safe and appropriate diagnostic, care and counseling options leverage virtual care advantages (e.g. specialty care, physical therapy, behavioral health, etc.).
- Care teams prioritize moving communication, counseling, and remote monitoring of chronic conditions to virtual care to produce better patient outcomes.

### **Advanced-Level Maturity**

- Quality of care, patient experience, and provider satisfaction are reimagined and optimized through a mix of virtual care options.
- The culture of the health center embraces virtual care as a viable option for optimal care where medically appropriate.
- Virtual care includes fully EHR-integrated real-time information access leading to high-quality, caring, informed, safe, private, and secure processes that patients trust.
- New quality improvement oversight processes are developed and deployed to provide unique virtual care oversight of virtual care operations on care and business operations quality.
- Federal requirements for price transparency and access to care notes are integrated into virtual care processes (e.g. functionality).
- Business functions such as automatic eligibility screening, HR functions, licensure, and reimbursement/payer processes where possible.

### **Basic-Level Maturity**

- Crisis-response virtual care processes are in place as a response to the pandemic and they continue to mature for usability, and access for providers and staff.
- Providers and staff often just simply moved old workflows into the virtual care processes when possible and new workflows not feasible in their crisis virtual care setting.

### **Foundational-Level Maturity**

- Virtual care operations provide a seamless patient visit flow that is perceived by both provider/staff and patient as better than in-person only processes (e.g., advanced team-based workflows provide more "in-person"-like handoffs and support from interpreters, front desk, care team members, navigators and eligibility/billing functions).
- Providers and staff are engaged in quality improvement assessment and improvement cycles for continuous improvement of virtual care operations and the integration of those operations into both hybrid and in-person care settings.

### **Advanced-Level Maturity**

- The health center actively engages in reimagining care across all professions and all types of patient need that maximize care efficiency and quality but also improves health and care experience outcomes beyond provider/staff in previous in-person only operations.
- Provider and staff wellbeing are specifically taken into account when determining the optimal care setting
- Regular feedback processes (including virtual feedback) measure provider/staff satisfaction with and use of virtual care
- Remote-only primary care providers and "Telespecialists" are considered to enhance care operations and patient experience
- Medical specialists who practice solely in virtual care settings could include specialty care providers, behavioral health, and other specialists

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### **Basic-Level Maturity**

- A large sub-set of patients continue to engage healthcare in a crisis response mode and are still avoiding virtual care and emergency care.
- Patients experience uneven success in using virtual care services due to lack of awareness of virtual care options and how to access them.
- Virtual care is mostly provided through publicly available and free online applications (e.g.; Zoom and Facebook)
- Patients receive text messages, emails and/or patient portal messages that provide a link to their virtual care options

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### **Foundational-Level Maturity**

- Patients are aware of the options for accessing virtual care and are getting more comfortable with care delivered through digital means
- Patients are regularly screened for digital access and virtual care interface skills.
- Regular feedback processes (including virtual feedback) measure patient satisfaction with virtual care.
- Advanced team-based workflows provide more "in-person"-like handoffs and communications between nurses and physicians.
- Basic vital signs collection processes are coordinated where reliable through manual patient self-assessment
- Policies and procedures are put in place to help caregivers and family members link into virtual care processes

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### **Advanced-Level Maturity**

- Patients are aware of the options for accessing virtual care and are getting more comfortable with care delivered through digital means
- Patients are regularly screened for digital access and virtual care interface skills.
- Regular feedback processes (including virtual feedback) measure patient satisfaction with virtual care.
- Advanced team-based workflows provide more "in-person"-like handoffs and communications between nurses and physicians.
- Basic vital sign collection processes are coordinated where reliable through manual patient self-assessment
- Policies and procedures are put in place to help caregivers and family members link into virtual care processes

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### **Basic-Level Maturity**

- The health center continues using existing disparities tracking processes.
  - The health center does not analyze data to provide insights into potential inequity in how virtual care impacts different patient populations.
  - The health center does not work with patients to identify areas of inequities that can be negatively or positively impacted by virtual care.
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**Foundational-Level Maturity**

- Virtual care governance and health center resource allocation processes prioritize the collection of information for operations.
- The health center proactively screens patients on access to and skills (e.g., digital health literacy) necessary for virtual care.
- Virtual care access, use, and health equity outcomes measures are collected and categorized by vulnerable populations demographics, and that information is disseminated across the health center (e.g., via dashboard or regular reports).

**Advanced-Level Maturity**

- The health center engages in de-identified information exchanges that help the health center and the community address inequitable access to virtual care.
- Information is regularly shared internally within the system and externally in the community about the impact of virtual care equity to inform strategies to close care gaps for vulnerable populations.

**Basic-Level Maturity**

- The health center does not attempt any new processes to help those who are not able to equitably access virtual care.

**Foundational-Level Maturity**

- The health center prioritizes and allocates resources to existing projects that have the potential to decrease barriers to virtual care processes.
- Evidence-based processes are in place to reduce health inequities in the use of virtual care such as: virtual care device instructions and prompts; programs to connect to caregivers/family who help bridge communication barriers; health center actions that increase patient trust and more equitable use of virtual care.

**Advanced-Level Maturity**

- Equity-focused strategies to address barriers to access to virtual care are incorporated into the broader health center goals.
- The health center continually seeks out and funds new and emerging projects that leverage emerging virtual care to address health inequities.
- Partnerships with community-based health centers are formed to understand and address upstream determinants of health outcomes from virtual care (e.g., telecommunications literacy programs, virtual interpretation/language access services for low-income populations, and access to low-cost smart devices or computers).

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at consensus responses.

criptions". Enter 'X' in the appropriate field in Column C.

**E. Additional Comments (Optional, enter 'n/a' if no response)**

*What factors contribute to this assessment? What additional resources, if any, does your health center need to support this category? What recommendations do you have for other health centers?*








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