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RE: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Uniform Data System (UDS), OMB No. 0915-0193 – Revision

Dear Administrator Engels,

Bi-State Primary Care Association (Bi-State) appreciates the opportunity to provide input on the “Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Uniform Data System (UDS), OMB No. 0915-0193 – Revision”.

Established in 1986, Bi-State is a nonpartisan, nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization promoting access to effective and affordable primary care and preventive services for all, with special emphasis on those most in need in Vermont and New Hampshire. Bi-State’s combined Vermont and New Hampshire membership includes 21 Federally Qualified Health Centers, including one Look-Alike. Our health center members serve over 305,000 residents in our two states.

For nearly sixty years, health centers have provided high-quality, comprehensive, affordable primary and preventive care. In addition to medical services, FQHCs provide dental, behavioral health, pharmacy, vision, and other essential health services to those most in need in our two states. Today, health centers serve 1 in 3 Vermonters and 1 in 10 Granite Staters ensuring patients receive the care they need and pay what they can based off a sliding fee scale.

Bi-State and our health centers welcome the proposed changes to the 2026 UDS.

We have reviewed the changes and discussed them with groups of health center CEOs, CFOs, and Quality Improvement Lead Staff. These groups all commented on the appropriateness of the eliminations and the streamlining of the measures. In particular, the CFOs unanimously applauded the alignment with cost reports and financial statements. Others expressed gratitude for removal of the UDS measures associated with managed care member months. The Quality Improvement Lead staff agreed that the removals/additions seemed logical and helped to eliminate redundancies.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. If you have any questions, please contact me at gmaheras@bistatepca.org.

Sincerely,

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