

2009-2010 Community HealthCorps Operations Policy to Maximize Utilization of AmeriCorps Slots

Background

- The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) as a matter of policy has a 100% recruitment / enrollment goal and a 90% retention goal for all AmeriCorps programs for the 2009-2010 program year. Enrollment and retention goals are factored in NACHC's risk assessment and non-attainment affects funding in future program years.
- The Community HealthCorps is committed to working with Community Health Centers, PCAs and Networks to preserve, strengthen, and then expand our partnerships. Community HealthCorps is fully committed to maximizing the utilization of AmeriCorps resources by providing fully-engaged support to existing programs while exploring the potential of partnerships with additional Community Health Centers, PCAs and Networks.
- Community HealthCorps is committed to increased program support as well as increased program monitoring, based on the current risk assessment profile score.
- State Commission program requirements, where applicable, will override any other aspect of this Utilization Policy.

2009-2010 Maximum Utilization Policies

- To improve the utilization of AmeriCorps resources, the Community HealthCorps will maintain an October 1 enrollment date for all established sites. ** Program sites that fill and retain all positions awarded to the site by the October 1 enrollment date will be given the opportunity to fill any positions not yet filled by other program sites under the same funding source. Sites with unfilled positions as of October 1 may be required to relinquish those positions (with associated per member funding) for the 2009-2010 program year and may be awarded fewer positions in future program years.
- In the event that unfilled slots are not required to be relinquished, sites will continue to remain responsible for filling and overseeing members.
- New program sites** will be allowed to continue and recruit until November 1, at which point this policy applies equally to these locations.
- Awarded positions associated with identified high risk sites will be the first to be transferred if not filled by October 1.
- Program sites that can demonstrate compelling reasons for retaining unfilled slots past the October 1 date will be evaluated on an individual basis for extension past that date.

** New sites are those with fewer than two years of operation under NACHC's Community HealthCorps program. Established sites have two or more years.