

Accreditation Update

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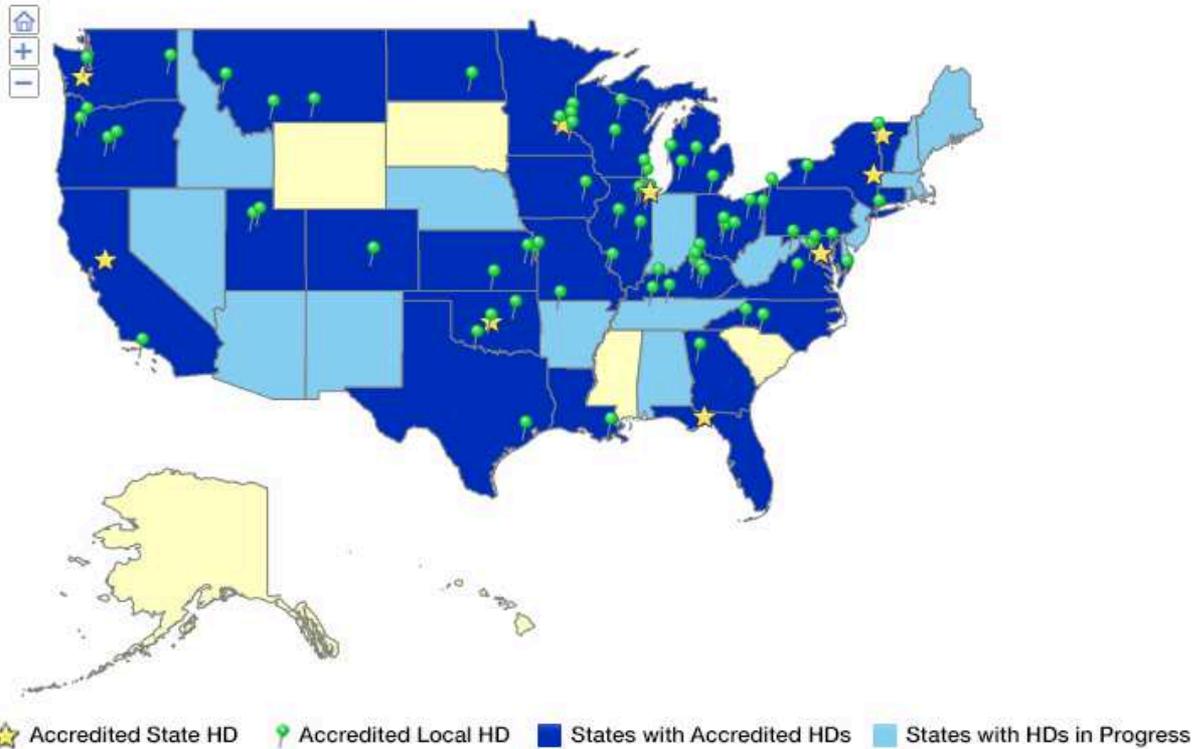
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WE ARE ALMOST DONE!!!!*

- Everything will be loaded and submitted to PHAB tomorrow
- *Next steps:
 - Respond to PHAB/Site reviewer feedback
 - Prepare for site visit
 - Yearly reports
 - Reaccreditation (every 5 years)



Applicant Names Are Kept Confidential

Distribution of Health Departments	Accredited	In Progress	Total in e-PHAB
Local	70	158	228
State	9	23	32
Tribal	-	3	3
Centralized States Integrated System*	-	67	67
Multi-Jurisdictional	-	8	8
Total Number of Accredited Health Departments	79	259	338
Population (Unduplicated)	120,690,197	107,025,674	227,715,871

**Single accreditation for multiple health departments*

Benefits of National Accreditation for Local Health Departments



Introduction

In 2011, the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) launched its voluntary national accreditation program for public health departments with the goal of improving and protecting the public's health by advancing performance improvement. As of October 2014, 54 health departments had earned the designation of accredited, which means the agencies satisfied a set of practice-focused and evidence-based standards.

In April 2014, the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) conducted a survey of accredited local health departments (LHDs). The objectives were to develop a preliminary list of benefits from pursuing and achieving accreditation, to determine the technical assistance needs of accredited LHDs, and to verify anecdotal information from the field.

Methods

When the survey was fielded, there were 29 accredited LHDs. NACCHO sent the survey to a total of 52 individuals at these 29 agencies, including 28 local health officials (LHOs) and 24 accreditation coordinators (ACs). Thirty-seven individuals (16 LHOs and 21 ACs) from 26 LHDs completed the survey, resulting in an individual response rate of 71% and an agency response rate of 90%.

The survey included questions about agency characteristics; staff qualifications, roles, and responsibilities; use of NACCHO tools; benefits of the accreditation process and status; challenges of the accreditation process; influences of accreditation on agency practices and policies; and technical assistance needs.

Initial Evaluation of the Public Health Accreditation Program

INTERIM FINDINGS BRIEF REPORT: HEALTH DEPARTMENT PERSPECTIVES

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Questions or Concerns

