Virginia News

Legislative Alert

The following bills have been introduced which may have an impact on rural health:

**SB 192 Local health director: qualifications.**

Allows local health directors to possess a Doctor of Public Health degree, a Master of Public Health degree, or a doctoral degree in the area of public health as an alternative to the current requirement that local health directors be physicians licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth.
HB 191 Health Workforce Development; creates position of Special Advisor to the Governor.

Creates the position of Special Advisor to the Governor for Health Workforce Development in the Office of the Governor; directs the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority to collaborate with the Special Advisor, employers of health & health science professionals, & institutions that provide education & training for health & health science professionals to better align education & training initiatives with evolving workforce needs; directs the Authority to coordinate with & seek opportunities to expand existing workforce development initiatives in the Commonwealth & partner with an institution of higher education in the Commonwealth to facilitate the sharing of information & resources & strengthen efforts to develop the health workforce in the Commonwealth; creates the Virginia Health Workforce Development Fund to support the work of the Authority & provide grants to regional health & health science workforce development initiatives; & directs the Authority to establish a process for the issuance of grants to regional health & health science workforce development initiatives.

HB 805 Barrier crimes.

Eliminates certain crimes from the definition of "barrier crime" and requires the State Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Board of Education, the State Board of Health, and the State Board of Social Services to each adopt regulations that develop and implement a waiver process for individuals who have been convicted of a barrier crime and who serve in a position or seek to serve in a position with any qualified entity subject to the regulations of the board. The bill eliminates current exceptions and time limit mandates, as such information is required to be set out in each agency's waiver process.

HB 807 Criminal history background checks.

Moves to separate sections of the Code of Virginia provisions governing background checks for individuals providing substance abuse and mental health services for adults. Currently, provisions governing background checks for individuals providing substance abuse and mental health services for adults are included together with provisions governing background checks for providers of substance abuse and mental health services for children and providers of developmental services for individuals of all ages.

SB 73 COVID-19; prescriptions for hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin for treatment.

Provides that licensed health care providers with prescriptive authority may prescribe, administer, or dispense hydroxychloroquine and ivermectin to a patient with a clinical diagnosis of COVID-19. The bill prohibits the Board of Medicine from initiating a disciplinary action against a licensed health care provider solely for prescribing, administering, or dispensing hydroxychloroquine or ivermectin to a patient with a clinical diagnosis of COVID-19, provided such clinical diagnosis and treatment has been documented in the patient's medical record by such licensed health care provider.

HB 878 Comprehensive health care coverage program.
Directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to establish a program to provide state-funded comprehensive health care coverage for individuals who (i) are younger than 19 years of age, aged 65 years or older, or pregnant; (ii) are not covered under a group health plan or health insurance coverage; & (iii) but for their immigration status, would be eligible for medical assistance services through the Commonwealth’s program of medical assistance services established pursuant to Title XIX & Title XXI of the federal Social Security Act. The bill also requires the Department to ensure that all program information is made available in a manner that is accessible to individuals with limited English proficiency through the provision of language access services, including oral interpretation & written translations, free of charge, & to ensure that information obtained by the program established by this section remains confidential & is not disclosed for any purpose not related to the administration of the program.

**HR 921 Prescribing controlled substances; practitioner-patient relationship; telemedicine.**

Provides that a prescriber may establish a practitioner-patient relationship for the purpose of prescribing Schedule II through V controlled substances via synchronous interaction with a patient and for the purpose of prescribing Schedule VI controlled substances via asynchronous interaction. The terms "synchronous interaction" and "asynchronous interaction" are defined in the bill.

**HR 343 Barrier crimes; removing offenses involving possession, etc., of controlled substances.**

Removes nonviolent offenses involving the possession, use, manufacturing, distributing, selling, etc., of controlled substances from the list of crimes that constitute a barrier to employment.

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**Agee, Levine named to Youngkin’s medical advisory team**

Gov.-elect Glenn Youngkin has named the leaders of two Southwest Virginia health systems to his medical advisory team, his office announced Tuesday.

Nancy Agee, president and CEO of Carilion Clinic, and Alan Levine, chairman, president and CEO of Ballad Health, will serve on the team, which will provide updates and advice on the pandemic, according to a news release.

The group will be chaired by Dr. Marty Makary of Johns Hopkins Medicine and also will include Kathy Gorman of Children’s National Hospital, Dr. Bogdan Neughebauer of Sentara Healthcare and Dr. Anand Shah, a former deputy commissioner at the Food and Drug Administration.

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**National News**

Health care workers face March 15 vaccination deadline after Supreme Court
Health care workers covered by the Biden administration’s vaccine mandate will have until March 15 to be fully vaccinated in the 24 states where the requirement was reinstated by the Supreme Court, the agency implementing the policy said Friday.

Twenty-five states and Washington, DC, continue to face a February 28 deadline for covered health care workers to be fully vaccinated, as the mandate had not been blocked in those states before the Supreme Court order that came down Thursday.

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**Calendar**

**Recovery Ally Training**

*January 26, 2022   1:00 - 4:00 pm (Virtual)*

Northwestern Prevention Collaborative is offering a free, virtual Recovery Ally training. This training, developed at Virginia Commonwealth University, is designed to increase a community’s recovery capital, decrease stigma and grow intervention skills. It offers a basic overview of the science of addiction and addresses what an ally does.

**Creating Safer Spaces**

*January 28, 2022   9:00 am - 12:00 pm (Virtual)*

Workshop that helps mental health practitioners offer more affirming, and safe, peer support services. Discuss history of the LGBTQ+ community in the US, share current research, define terminology, share general tips on language, answer participants’ questions, and strategize tangible ways to apply what we learn in the future implementations.

**Grant Management Class (Grant Writing USA)**

*February 3-4th, 2022   Henrico, VA*

Beginning and experienced grant managers and administrators from city, county and state agencies as well as nonprofits, K-12, colleges and universities are encouraged to attend. You do not need to work in the same profession as the host agency. Tuition is $595 per person and includes everything: two days of world-class instruction and a 500 page participant guide and reference binder.

**Rural Health Policy Institute**

*February 8-10, 2022   (Virtual)*

NRHA’s 33rd Annual Rural Health Policy Institute is your chance to guide the future of rural health policy with NRHA leadership & advocate for issues you care about with new & returning members of Congress & the administration.

**Mental Health First Aid Training**

*February 26, 2022   9:00 am - 4:00 pm (Virtual)*

Mental Health First Aid is an international, evidence-based program that teaches people to identify, understand and respond to signs & symptoms of mental health & substance
use challenges. This free online training will be led by VRHA Program Coordinator Dr. Jordan Laney.

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**Resources**

**COVID-19 Social Media Toolkit**

Provides social media resources to help promote COVID-19 vaccination among agriculture, forestry, and fishing workers. Includes graphics, sample social media posts, videos, and more.

**Opioid Use Disorder: Opportunities to Improve Assessments of State Opioid Response Grant Program**

Provides an overview of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) State Opioid Response (SOR) grant program and examines how SAMHSA assesses the program. Offers recommendations to SAMHSA to identify potential limitations in its analyses and provide a more comprehensive assessment of the program to identify opportunities for improvement. Includes SOR grant funding awards by state for fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

**CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Field Guide Addendum: Rural Considerations for Vaccine Confidence & Uptake Strategies**

The CDC recently added rural considerations for vaccine confidence and uptake strategies to their website on how to conduct a rapid community assessment and understand a community’s needs regarding COVID-19 vaccines. Rapid community assessments can help quickly collect community insights about a public health issue in order to inform program design.

**Applications for the Virginia Rural Center Inaugural Virginia Rural Leadership Institute (VRLI) are now OPEN!**

The Rural Leadership Institute (RLI) is a rural leadership program that develops and supports highly-skilled, highly-motivated leaders who are committed revitalizing their communities across the Commonwealth. RLI addresses the need for high-quality, professional leadership and economic development training that equips community leaders with the skills they need to lead long-term economic advancement in their community and region. The program also seeks to increase cooperation, collaboration, and coordination across a broad array of organizations and sectors. Each training session will accept up to 30 applicants. Applications due March 15, 2022.

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**Funding Opportunities**

**Clif Family Foundation** *NEW*
The Clif Family Foundation supports nonprofit grassroots organizations that have the ability to engage local groups, positively impact their communities, and focus most of their resources on useful and positive actions. Grants are provided throughout the United States to support innovative groups working to strengthen our food system, enhance equitable community health outcomes, and safeguard our environment and natural resources. Priority is given to organizations that address two or more of the Foundation’s funding priorities, demonstrate strong community ties, and operate within viable and clearly defined plans for positive change.

**Application Deadline: February 1, 2022**

**Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Funding: Broad Pragmatic Studies** *NEW*

Funding for patient-centered comparative clinical effectiveness research in the areas of addressing disparities; assessment of prevention, diagnosis, and treatment options; communication and dissemination research; and improving healthcare systems. Special areas of emphasis for the 2022 cycle include 1) Addressing racism, discrimination, and bias in healthcare systems and care delivery and 2) Health system–level interventions to improve healthcare worker well-being and reduce burnout.

**Letter of Intent (Required): February 8, 2022**

**Application Deadline: May 3, 2022**

**Dental Trade Alliance (DTA) Foundation Grant** *NEW*

Funding for innovative projects designed to increase access to oral healthcare.

**Application Deadline: February 11, 2022**

**Virginia Partner in Prayer & Prevention Disparities Grant** *NEW*

Virginia Partners in Prayer & Prevention will be awarding grants to faith-based institutions/organizations (places of worship) up to $20,000. This grant program addresses COVID-19-related health disparities and advancing health equity by partnering with faith-based institutions and organizations on community-based outreach efforts. Funded recipients will implement a coordinated and holistic approach that builds on culturally, linguistically, and locally tailored strategies, programming and best practices to reduce COVID-19 risk. Applications open on January 18, 2022. Virtual information webinar on January 27, 2022 at 1:00 pm - [Register here](#)

**Application Deadline: February 15, 2022 at 2:00 pm**

**National Association of Community Health Centers New Board Chair Leadership Program** *NEW*

A 5-part virtual leadership training program for new health center board chairs or those about to step into the board chair role. Training addresses the role of the board chair, board chair-CEO partnership, board meeting facilitation, navigating conflict, and board chair succession planning.

**Application Deadline: March 2, 2022**

**Kent Richard Hofmann Foundation Grants** *NEW*
Grants to support community-based organizations providing direct services, education, or research in the areas of HIV and AIDS, with priority given to smaller communities and rural areas.

Letter of Intent (Required): March 4, 2022  
Application Deadline: April 1, 2022

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part F Dental Reimbursement Program  *NEW*

Funding designed to improve access to oral healthcare services for low income people with HIV, and to train dental students, dental hygiene students, and dental residents to deliver dental care to people with HIV.  
Application Deadline: March 11, 2022

Health Policy Research Scholars  *NEW*

Health Policy Research Scholars, a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation program, is a leadership opportunity for doctoral students from historically marginalized backgrounds and underrepresented populations across a wide range of disciplines—from economics to political science—who want to apply their research to inform and influence policy in ways that advance health equity. The program is designed to support full-time, second-year doctoral students in building the skills, tools, and networks they need to create lasting change.  
Application Deadline: March 16, 2022

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Change Leadership Programs  *NEW*

Change leadership programs are designed by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to extend the influence and impact of leaders working to build a Culture of Health.  
Application Deadline: March 16, 2022

Women and Minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Fields Program  *NEW*

Grants to support research and extension activities that increase the number of women and underrepresented minorities from rural areas who will pursue and complete a postsecondary degree in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) disciplines. The target audience is K-14 students, meaning kindergarten through twelfth grade plus two years of post-secondary schooling, such as vocational technical institutions and community/junior colleges. Projects should focus on challenges facing agriculture and rural communities, such as increasing global demand for food production in the face of limited natural resources; improving health and reducing obesity; and increasing economic opportunities.  
Application Deadline: March 31, 2022

Notice of Funding Opportunity: Maternal, Infant, & Early Childhood Home Visiting Program Home Visiting Collaborative Improvement & Innovation Network (HV CoIIN 3.0)  *NEW*
Objects of the program include: Identify, manage, and execute the scaling up of interventions to at least 30 state recipients and 300 local implementing agencies; Refine and test a new set of evidence-informed change strategies using accepted evaluation methodologies and the MIECHV Program performance measures; Further refine the health equity framework and parent leadership toolkit developed in HV CoIIN 2.0 and support the integration of the health equity and parent leadership principles across all activities; and assist MIECHV recipients and in building their capacity to use continuous quality improvement as a tool for ongoing program monitoring and improvement.

**Application Deadline: April 6, 2022**

**Area Health Education Centers** *NEW*

Grants to develop and enhance education and training networks within communities, academic institutions, and community-based organizations. The networks support the Bureau of Health Workforce's strategic priorities to increase diversity among health professionals, broaden the distribution of the health workforce, enhance healthcare quality, and improve healthcare delivery to rural and underserved areas and populations.

**Application Deadline: April 6, 2022**

**Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Disparities Affecting Healthcare Utilization and Health Outcomes Among Childhood Cancer Survivors** *NEW*

Notice of Special Interest for research to understand and address the full spectrum of factors that contribute to disparities in survivorship care, healthcare utilization, and health outcomes among childhood cancer survivors. Proposed projects must include populations commonly experiencing disparities based on race or ethnicity, sex, sexual or gender minority status, insurance status, rural residence, socioeconomic disadvantage, or other demonstrated differences.

**Application Deadline: October 9, 2024**

**FEMA Public Assistance Program: COVID-19 Response** *NEW*

Provides reimbursement to eligible state, territorial, tribal, and local government entities, and certain nonprofit organizations for emergency protective measures in response to COVID-19 National Emergency Declarations.

**Applications accepted on an ongoing basis**

**NHSC Loan Repayment Programs**

- **NHSC Loan Repayment Program** – awards up to $50,000 in exchange for a two-year commitment to provide primary medical, dental or mental/behavioral healthcare at approved sites in high-need, underserved areas. HRSA has removed the two-tier scoring, allowing all applicants to receive up to $50,000 in awards regardless of HPSA score. NHSC LRP recipients are eligible to extend their service and potentially pay off all of their educational debt with continuation contracts.

- **NHSC Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program** – provides up to $75,000 in exchange for a three-year commitment to healthcare professionals who provide substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services at NHSC-approved SUD treatment facilities. Clinicians with DATA 2000 Waivers can receive award preference.
• **NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program** – Providers in rural communities may apply to the NHSC Rural Community LRP, which awards up to $100,000 for three years of service. You are eligible for preference if you work at an NHSC-approved Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) Consortium member facility.

For help with your application, attend one of the [NHSC Loan Repayment Program Q&A Sessions](#) or watch the [NHSC LRP Webinar recording](#).

**Application Deadline: February 3, 2022**

**Public Health Associate Program Host Site Application**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is seeking partnerships with public health agencies and tribal and nongovernmental organizations to serve as host sites for the Public Health Associate Program (PHAP). PHAP is a paid training program funded by the CDC where associates gain hands-on experience across a variety of public health settings. Applicants from rural areas are strongly encouraged.

**Application Deadline: February 18, 2022**

**NCHC Awards Program**

Awards Program designed to honor outstanding individuals and organizations in the field of health networks.

**Application Deadline: February 18, 2022**

**Rigorous Evaluation of Community-Level Substance Use and Overdose Prevention Frameworks that Incorporate ACEs-Related Prevention Strategies**

Funding to conduct rigorous evaluation of prevention approaches implemented within communities that incorporate efforts to mitigate the harms of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) exposure and prevent future ACEs, while also aiming to prevent substance use and overdose. Priority will be given to projects that consider the impacts of social determinants of health and populations that have been disproportionately impacted by ACEs and/or substance use and overdose.

**Application Deadline: February 21, 2022**

**NRHA Rural Health Awards**

Honors individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to rural health.

**Application Deadline: February 21, 2022**

**Home Visiting Research and Development Platform**

The purpose of this program is to support a practice-based research network (PBRN) that engages in scientific collaboration and innovative research. Research conducted through this program should increase the evidence base for and strengthen the capacity of home visiting programs to measurably improve family health and well-being outcomes and improve equity in access to services and in family and community outcomes.
Application Deadline: February 22, 2022

**Rural eConnectivity Broadband Loan & Grant Program (ReConnect)**

Loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations to expand broadband service to rural areas without sufficient broadband access.

Application Deadline: February 22, 2022

**Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention-Mobile Health Training Program (NEPQR-MHTP)**

Funding to expand experiential training opportunities for nurses through nurse-led mobile health training sites, with the goal of strengthening nursing workforce to provide quality culturally aligned care in rural and underserved areas.

Application Deadline: February 22, 2022

**Weyerhaeuser Youth Initiative**

Funding for new direct service programs designed to promote resilience, stability, and psycho-social health for youth ages 14 to 21 who have been traumatized by Adverse Childhood Experiences.

Letter of Intent (Required): March 1, 2022

Application Deadline: August 1, 2022

**NIH HEAL Initiative: Preventing Opioid Misuse and Co-Occurring Conditions by Intervening on Social Determinants (R01 Clinical Trials Optional)**

Funding for research that will help to build an evidence base for multi-level interventions that affect social conditions and opioid misuse. Projects should seek to reduce health inequities in a population or population subgroup affected by the opioid crisis.

Application Deadline: March 2, 2022

**Rural Health and Economic Development Analysis**

Funding for a single entity to quantify and describe the economic impacts of local healthcare sectors on rural economies to provide information to assist policy makers and other rural stakeholders in improving healthcare in rural areas. Topic areas may include sustainability of services and minimum population requirements as it relates to healthcare and the economic vitality of rural communities, including rural tribal communities.

Application Deadline: March 8, 2022

**Rural Public Health Workforce Training Network Program**

Funding to support rural health networks to address the need for more trained health professionals, which has been amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic. The overall program goal is to expand public health capacity by supporting healthcare job development, training, and placement in rural communities.

Application Deadline: March 18, 2022
Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Grant Program

Grants to support rural primary care providers with the planning and implementation of quality improvement activities. Program objectives include increased care coordination, enhanced chronic disease management, and improved health outcomes for patients in rural areas.

Application Deadline: March 21, 2022

Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program

Funding to establish a dental faculty loan repayment program with a priority for faculty within the disciplines of general dentistry, pediatric dentistry, public health dentistry, and dental hygiene. Additional preference will be given to applicants providing loan repayment to pediatric dentistry faculty supervising dental students or residents and providing clinical services in dental clinics located in dental schools, hospitals, and community-based affiliated sites. Applicants are also encouraged to consider individual loan repayment recipients from rural and disadvantaged background and from underrepresented minorities.

Application Deadline: March 22, 2022

Rural Health Care Program – Healthcare Connect Fund

Provides assistance to healthcare providers for eligible expenses related to broadband connectivity at a flat discounted rate of 65%. Participants can apply as a member of a consortium or a stand-alone entity.

Application Deadline: April 1, 2022

Rural Health Care Telecommunications (Telecom) Program

Assistance to healthcare providers for eligible expenses related to telecommunications and voice services for the use of telemedicine and telehealth.

Application Deadline: April 1, 2022

Technologies for Improving Minority Health and Eliminating Health Disparities (R41/R42- Clinical Trial Optional)

Funding for small businesses to develop products, processes, and services that can be used to improve minority health and/or reduce and ultimately eliminate health disparities in one or more NIH-defined health disparity population groups. Technologies should be effective, affordable, and culturally acceptable.

Application Deadline: April 4, 2022

Innovations for Healthy Living - Improving Minority Health and Eliminating Health Disparities (R43/R44)

Funding for small business concerns to develop a product, process, or service with the aim of improving minority health and/or reducing and ultimately eliminating health disparities in one or more NIH-defined population groups.

Application Deadline: April 4, 2022
**American Rescue Plan Act - Pediatric Mental Health Care Access - New Area Expansion**

Funding for the expansion of state and/or regional networks of pediatric mental healthcare teams into new states and geographic areas. Teams will provide tele-consultation, training, technical assistance, and care coordination for pediatric primary care providers to diagnose, treat, and refer children with behavioral health conditions. Projects should focus on achieving health equity related to racial, ethnic, and geographic disparities in access to care, especially in rural and other underserved areas.

**Application Deadline: April 5, 2022**

**Rural Maternity and Obstetrics Management Strategies Program (RMOMS)**

Funding to improve access to, and continuity of, maternal and obstetrics care in rural communities through regional aggregated care, coordination of a continuum of care, use of telehealth, and the implementation of financial sustainability strategies.

**Application Deadline: April 5, 2022**

**State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)**

Grants to states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Territories to assist them in operating their own state educational loan repayment programs for primary care providers working in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) within their state.

**Application Deadline: April 8, 2022**

**Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R01, R03, and R21)**

Funding for research that seeks to identify, develop, test, evaluate, and/or refine strategies to disseminate and implement evidence-based practices into public health, clinical practice, and community settings. This program is featured in the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences Selected List of Funding Opportunities Relevant to Rural Cancer Control.

**Application Deadline: May 7, 2022**

**Cancer Health Equity Research Centers at Minority-Serving Institutions**

Funding to support the formation of Cancer Health Equity Research Centers (CHERCs) designed to target cancer health disparities that are unique to a local or regional community. Applicants must be from Minority-Serving Institutions and are required to demonstrate that 30% of the planned research participants will be racial and ethnic minorities or live in rural or medically underserved areas.

**Application Deadline: May 16, 2022**

**Pilot Practice-based Research for Primary Care Suicide Prevention (R34 Clinical Trial Optional)**

Grants to support evaluations of factors that impact or account for the effectiveness of existing suicide prevention practices and/or pilot clinical trials that develop, optimize, and
pilot test interventions and service delivery approaches at key intercepts in the chain of care. Research that seeks to reduce disparities for racial and ethnic minority groups, individuals limited by language or cultural barriers, sexual and gender minorities, individuals living in rural areas, socioeconomically disadvantaged persons, and other underserved groups is encouraged.

**Application Deadline: June 21, 2022**

**Research on Biopsychosocial Factors of Social Connectedness and Isolation on Health, Well Being, Illness, and Recovery (R01 Clinical Trials Not Allowed)**

Grants for research projects that examine how social isolation and social connectedness affect outcomes in health, illness, recovery, and overall well being.

**Application Deadline: June 21, 2022**

**Surgical Disparities Research (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

Grants to support investigative and collaborative research focused on understanding and addressing disparities in surgical care and outcomes in minority and health disparity populations.

**Application Deadline: July 5, 2022**

**AHRQ Small Research Grant Program (R03)**

Supports different types of health services research projects, including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and development of new research technology. Rural and frontier areas are considered a priority population.

**Application Deadline: July 6, 2022**

**Virginia Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program**

Offers a J-1 Visa waiver to foreign physicians who commit to serving for 3 years in an underserved area of Virginia, allowing them to remain in the United States.

**Application Deadline: August 31, 2022**

**Intervening with Cancer Caregivers to Improve Patient Health Outcomes and Optimize Health Care Utilization (R01 and R21)**

Funding for intervention research designed to support caregivers of adult cancer patients, with the goals of optimized patient healthcare utilization, improved caregiver well-being, and improved patient physical health and psychosocial outcomes. Special consideration is given to studies targeting medically underserved and underrepresented populations, including patients-caregivers in rural areas.

**Application Deadline: September 7, 2022**

**Palliative Care in Home and Community Settings Research (R01 and R21 Clinical Trial Optional)**
Grants to support research aimed at determining needs and best practices for the integration of palliative care into home and community settings. Applications should consider approaches that may be implemented in rural/remote areas, as well as urban areas, and that are sensitive to ethnicities and cultures.

**Application Deadline: September 8, 2022**

**Getting To Zero: Understanding HIV Viral Suppression and Transmission in the United States (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

Grants for projects designed to improve understanding of viral suppression and HIV transmission in the U.S. using population-level epidemiology, tools from data science approaches, and implementation science research.

**Application Deadline: September 8, 2022**

**AHRQ Health Services Research Demonstration and Dissemination Grants (R18)**

Supports the dissemination and implementation of research projects related to AHRQ's mission to produce evidence to make healthcare safer, higher quality, more accessible, equitable, and affordable. AHRQ's priorities include an interest in rural and frontier healthcare delivery.

**Application Deadline: September 30, 2022**

**Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Research to Address Vaccine Hesitancy, Uptake, and Implementation among Populations that Experience Health Disparities**

Notice of Special Interest for community-engaged research to evaluate strategies to facilitate vaccination uptake in clinical and community contexts and address the barriers to increasing reach, access, and uptake of vaccinations among health disparity populations at high risk and likely to experience vaccine hesitancy.

**Application Deadline: January 8, 2023**

**Long-Term Effects of Disasters on Health Care Systems Serving Health Disparity Populations (R01- Clinical Trial Optional)**

Grants for research focused on understanding the long-term effects of natural and/or human-made disasters on healthcare systems serving health disparity populations. Health disparity populations include, but are not limited to, American Indians, Alaska Natives, and underserved rural populations.

**Application Deadline: September 7, 2023**

**Tobacco Control Policies to Promote Health Equity (R01 and R21 Clinical Trial Optional)**

Funding for observational or intervention research focused on reducing disparities in tobacco use and secondhand smoke exposure. Populations of focus include older individuals, black Americans, Hispanics, people with low socioeconomic status, and people living outside metropolitan areas.
Co-infection and Cancer (R01 and R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

Grants for research on the roles of co-infection and cancer to inform prevention and treatment strategies for infection-related cancers. Applicants are encouraged to investigate co-infection and its relation to causes of risk among racially/ethnically diverse populations and those from urban and rural areas who are poor and medically underserved, and populations who may have a disproportionate burden of infection-related cancers.

Application Deadline: September 8, 2023

Technology Development to Reduce Health Disparities (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

Funding to develop and translate medical technologies aimed at reducing disparities in healthcare access and health outcomes. Medical technologies should be effective, affordable, culturally acceptable, and deliverable to those who need them. Priority health disparity populations include racial and ethnic minorities, socioeconomically disadvantaged individuals, sexual and gender minorities, and medically underserved populations in rural and urban areas.

Application Deadline: January 7, 2023

Comprehensive Care for Adults with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus from Populations with Health Disparities (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

Funding for research focused on developing and testing strategies that adapt/implement recommended guidelines of comprehensive clinical care for individuals with Type 2 diabetes from health disparity populations.

Application Deadline: May 2, 2024

Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Telehealth Strategies for Individuals with HIV and Substance Use Disorders

Notice of Special Interest for research to explore and develop telehealth methods and strategies for diagnosis, prevention, treatment, and population analysis in individuals living with HIV and substance use disorder.

Application Deadline: September 7, 2024

Effectiveness of Implementing Sustainable Evidence-Based Mental Health Practices in Low-Resource Settings to Achieve Mental Health Equity for Traditionally Underserved Populations (R01)

Grants for research to develop and test the effectiveness of strategies for implementation and sustainable delivery of evidence-based mental health treatments and services to improve mental health outcomes for underserved populations in under-resourced settings. Under-resourced settings and populations include members of minority groups, other individuals experiencing disparities in mental health outcomes, and people living in a geographic area with a shortage of healthcare services.

Application Deadline: September 7, 2024
Innovative Mental Health Services Research Not Involving Clinical Trials

Funding for innovative research that will inform and support the delivery of high-quality, continuously improving mental health services to benefit individuals with, or at risk for developing, a mental illness. Research on innovative service delivery models that seek to reduce disparities in service access, quality, and outcomes for racial and ethnic minority groups, individuals limited by language or cultural barriers, sexual and gender minorities, individuals living in rural areas, socioeconomically disadvantaged persons, and other underserved groups is encouraged.

Application Deadline: September 7, 2024

Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Social, Behavioral, and Economic Impact of COVID-19 in Underserved and Vulnerable Populations

Notice of Special Interest for research in understanding the response to the COVID-19 pandemic to help prepare more effectively for future public health emergencies. Populations that experience health disparities are a particular focus.

Application Deadline: September 8, 2024

The Role of Work in Health Disparities in the U.S. (R01 Clinical Trials Optional)

Grants for innovative population-based research in how work or occupation influences health outcomes and health status among health care disparity populations and how work functions as a social determinant of health.

Application Deadline: September 8, 2024

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