Virginia News

Legislative Alert

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

SB 670 Board of Medicine; implicit bias and cultural competency.

Requires all practitioners licensed by the Board of Medicine to complete two hours of continuing education in each biennium on topics related to implicit bias and cultural competency.
SB 672 Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians; prescribing, dispensing, and administering of controlled.

Allows pharmacists and pharmacy technicians under the supervision of a pharmacist to initiate treatment with and dispense and administer certain drugs, devices, and tests in accordance with a statewide protocol developed by the Board of Pharmacy in collaboration with the Board of Medicine and the Department of Health.

HB 1305 Pioneer Community Hospital of Patrick County; Feasibility of reopening and alternatives.

Investigate feasibility of reopening and alternatives.

HB 1323 Pharmacists; initiation of treatment with and dispensing and administration of vaccines.

Provides that a pharmacist may initiate treatment with, dispense, or administer to persons 3 years of age or older in accordance with statewide protocol developed by the Board of Pharmacy in collaboration with the Board of Medicine & the Department of Health vaccines included on the Immunization Schedule published by the CDC or that have current emergency use authorization from the FDA, & provides that the pharmacist may cause such vaccines to be administered by a pharmacy technician or pharmacy intern under direct supervision of the pharmacist. The bill also requires the Department of Medical Assistance Services & accident & sickness insurance providers to provide reimbursement for such service in an amount that is no less than the reimbursement amount for such service by a health care provider licensed by the Board of Medicine.

SB 714 Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; voluntary mental health check-in.

Directs the Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services to implement a voluntary mental health check-in option as part of the comprehensive crisis system & to report by Nov 1, 2022, to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Committees on Appropriations and Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committees on Education and Health and Finance and Appropriations regarding its progress in implementing such program.

HB 159 Emergency custody and temporary detention orders; transportation of minor, acceptance of custody.

Requires a facility or location to which a minor or adult who is subject to an emergency custody or temporary detention order is transported to accept custody of the minor or adult upon completion of transportation and arrival of the minor or adult at the facility and specifies that the primary law-enforcement agency shall provide transportation of a person who is involved in the involuntary commitment process, rather than a sheriff, as provided under current law.

National News

Apply Now! Medicare FY 2022 Inpatient PPS Graduate Medical Education
In late December, CMS released a final rule for FY 2022 on implementation of the 1,000 graduate medical education (GME) slots established in the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA), 2021, phasing in 200 slots per year over years, for a total of $1.8 billion in new funding for residencies over the next 10 years.

The final rule will enhance the health care workforce and fund additional medical residency positions in hospitals serving rural and underserved communities. It implements statutory changes to GME caps for rural training tracks and changes to the determination of per resident amounts.

The first round of 200 residency slots will be announced by January 31, 2023, and will become effective July 1, 2023. You can apply online for Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Section 126 additional residency positions. **Submit fiscal year 2023 applications no later than March 31, 2022.**

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**USDA Invests $1 Billion to Improve Community Infrastructure for People Living in Rural Towns Across the Country**

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Deputy Secretary Dr. Jewel Bronaugh announced that USDA is investing $1 billion to build and improve critical community facilities in 48 states, Puerto Rico and Guam. This infrastructure funding will increase access to health care, education and public safety while spurring community development and building sound infrastructure for people living in rural communities.

“The Biden-Harris Administration has made investing in infrastructure improvements a top priority,” Bronaugh said. “These loans and grants will help rural communities invest in facilities and services that are vital to all communities, such as health care facilities, schools, libraries, and first responder vehicles and equipment. When we invest in essential services in rural America, we build opportunity and prosperity for the people who call rural communities home.”

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**Calendar**

**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.

**NARHC 2022 Spring Institute**
**March 14-16, 2022   San Antonio, TX**

NARHC Institutes educate and inform the Rural Health Clinic professional community about ever-changing RHC policies and procedures.

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**Resources**

**Rural Community Health Initiative: Compendium of Best Practices**

Presents a collection of community-based health initiatives, including a school health initiative, a COVID-19 vaccine outreach and education program, and telehealth consortia, among others. Describes successful outcomes and sources of funding for each program.

**USAC Rurality Tier Search Tool**

Allows users to determine the applicable rural tier for a specific site location to calculate the rural rate for telecommunications support through the RHC Telecom Program. Tiers include extremely rural, rural, less rural, and non-rural. Tool provides general information; rurality tiers are formally assigned through the review and approval of FCC forms.

**USDA's ReConnect Program: Expanding Rural Broadband**

Provides an overview of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's ReConnect program, which provides loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations to build and enhance broadband infrastructure in eligible rural service areas. Summarizes program details, funding allocations, the three rounds of awards, and funding awards by state. Compares the ReConnect program with other USDA broadband programs. Identifies issues that may impact the program's effectiveness, related legislation introduced in the 117th Congress, and potential policy options.

**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 to 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.
Funding Opportunities

**Appalachian Investments Supporting Partnerships In Recovery Ecosystems (INSPIRE) Initiative** *NEW*

Funding to assist in moving individuals in the Appalachian region from substance abuse treatment to recovery to employment, with a focus on support services that enable and support individual successful entry or reentry into the workforce.

**Letter of Intent (Required): March 3, 2022**
**Application Deadline: March 24, 2022**

**National Environmental Public Health Internship Program Application for Students** *NEW*

10-week summer internship opportunity for students from accredited environmental health academic programs.

**Application Deadline: March 9, 2022**

**The Doctors Company Foundation** *NEW*

The Doctors Company Foundation supports nonprofit organizations and higher education institutions throughout the country that address patient safety issues. The focus is to fund both patient safety education for healthcare professionals and patient safety research with clinically useful applications. Consideration is given to projects that develop knowledge, techniques, and tools whose application reduces or eliminates risk of adverse events that cause harm to patients while under care.

**Letter of Intent (Required): March 21, 2022**
**Application Deadline: June 20, 2022**

**Connecting Kids to Coverage Healthy Kids Outreach and Enrollment Grants** *NEW*

Grants to organizations that help families with children and pregnant individuals enroll in health coverage opportunities, including Medicaid, CHIP, and insurance affordability programs.

**Application Deadline: March 28, 2022**

**Virginia State Loan Repayment Program** *NEW*

Educational loan repayment assistance for eligible healthcare providers in return for service in a medically underserved area of Virginia.

**Application Deadline: March 31, 2022**

**Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Award: Stakeholder Convening Support** *NEW*

Funding for organizations and communities to hold convenings that include patients, researchers, clinicians, purchasers, payers, health system leaders, and other stakeholders.
Convenings should focus on supporting collaboration around patient-centered outcomes research and clinical comparative effectiveness research.

**Letter of Intent (Required): April 4, 2022**  
**Application Deadline: July 11, 2022**

**Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Award: Capacity Building *NEW***

Funds projects that encourage the integration of patients, caregivers, clinicians, and other stakeholders as members of the patient-centered outcomes research/clinical effectiveness research process.

**Letter of Intent (Required): April 4, 2022**  
**Application Deadline: July 11, 2022**

**Rural Health and Safety Education Competitive Grants Program *NEW***

Funding for community-based outreach education and extension programs at land-grant colleges and universities that provide individuals and families based in rural areas with information on health, wellness, and prevention. Projects should utilize telehealth, telemedicine, and distance learning strategies for education and training in minority rural communities related to opioids, preventing spread of COVID-19, and/or mitigating infection and transmission of COVID-19.

**Application Deadline: April 29, 2022**

**National Environmental Public Health Internship Program Application for Host Sites *NEW***

Opportunities for local, state, and tribal health departments to host environmental health student interns.

**Applications accepted on an ongoing basis**

**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**

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

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**

**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**

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

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**

**Rigorous Evaluation of Strategies to Prevent Overdose through Linking People with Illicit Substance Use Disorders to Recovery Support Services**

The CDC National Center for Injury Prevention & Control is soliciting investigator-initiated research that will support the identification & rigorous evaluation of effective strategies that link people in recovery for illicit substance use disorders to at least one evidence-based recovery support service available within their community, and, if needed, re-link people to such services following resumption of illicit substance use.

**Application Deadline: March 14, 2022**

**Health Policy Research Scholars**

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.
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Change Leadership Programs

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

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

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

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
**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**
Notice of Funding Opportunity: Maternal, Infant, & Early Childhood Home Visiting Program Home Visiting Collaborative Improvement & Innovation Network (HV CoIIN 3.0)

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**

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**

**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**

**Rural Business Development Grant Program: Technical Assistance for Rural Transportation Systems**

Funding to provide technical assistance and training for **rural and tribal transportation system agencies** nationwide for the purpose of improving passenger transportation services and/or facilities.

**Application Deadline: April 14, 2022**

**Health Workforce Research Center Cooperative Agreement Program**

Funding to support and disseminate research on trends in health workforce. In this cycle, up to 9 centers will be funded in the areas of public health workforce, behavioral health workforce, health equity in health workforce, allied health workforce, long-term care support/services, oral health workforce, emerging workforce topics, and technical assistance.

**Application Deadline: April 14, 2022**
Rural Communities Opioid Response Program - Behavioral Health Care Support

Funding to improve access to and quality of substance use disorder and other behavioral healthcare services in rural communities including utilization of prevention, treatment, and recovery services to improve the care for those affected by behavioral health conditions.

Application Deadline: April 19, 2022

Catalyst for Infant Health Equity

The goals of the new Catalyst for Infant Health Equity program are twofold: 1) to continue reducing overall infant mortality (IM) rates in the United States, and 2) to decrease and ultimately eliminate disparities in IM across racial/ethnic groups by achieving steeper declines for groups with the highest rates. To accomplish these goals, award recipients are expected to address the broader social and structural determinants (or root causes) contributing to IM disparities at the county or jurisdiction level.

Application Deadline: April 19, 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.

Application Deadline: September 8, 2023

**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.
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: May 2, 2024

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: September 7, 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.
Health Care Models for Persons with Multiple Chronic Conditions from Populations that Experience Health Disparities: Advancing Health Care towards Health Equity (R01 - Clinical Trials Optional)

Funding for research to study the effective adaptation, integration, and implementation of recommended guidelines of care of persons with multiple chronic conditions from populations that experience health disparities.

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

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

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

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