Weekly Update

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UVA, Community Health Centers Expand Cancer Screenings for Underserved

To expand access to cancer screenings for underserved groups in Central, Southside and Southwest Virginia, UVA Cancer Center is establishing partnerships with community health centers serving those regions.

One partnership is with Central Virginia Health Services and Tri-Area Community Health, and a second is with Blue Ridge Medical Center. Both partnerships are supported by $500,000 grants from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to improve equity in cancer screenings.

'Masks, Misinformation, and Making Do: Appalachian Health-Care Workers and the COVID-19 Pandemic' Book On Sale Now!

The firsthand pandemic experiences of rural health-care providers—who were already burdened when COVID-19 hit—raise questions about the future of public health and health-care delivery.
Featuring contributions from VRHA Executive Director Beth O'Connor and foreword by National Rural Health Association CEO Alan Morgan!

First-person narratives from diverse perspectives recount the pandemic’s layered stresses, including:

- the scramble for ventilators, masks, and other personal protective equipment
- the neighbors, friends, and family members who flouted public-health mandates, convinced that COVID-19 was a hoax
- the added burden the virus leveled on patients whose health was already compromised by cancer, diabetes, or addiction
- the acute ways the pandemic’s arrival exacerbated interpersonal and systemic racism that - Black and other health-care workers of color bear not only the battle against the virus but also the growing suspicion and even physical abuse from patients convinced that doctors and nurses were trying to kill them

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**Virginia News**

*Legislative Alert*

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

**HB 1640 Medicare; supplement policies for certain individuals under age 65.**

Requires each insurer issuing Medicare supplement policies or certificates in the Commonwealth to offer opportunity of enrolling in at least one of its issued Medicare supplement policies or certificates to individuals under age 65 who reside in Virginia, is enrolled in Medicare Part A & B, and is eligible for Medicare by reason of disability, including individuals with end-stage renal disease.

**HB 1709 Naloxone or other opioid antagonists; persons authorized to administer.**

Adds employees of the Department of Corrections designated by the Director of the Department to the list of persons who are authorized to possess and administer naloxone or other opioid antagonists.

**HB 1734 Continuing education; implicit bias and cultural competency in health care.**

Requires the Board of Medicine to adopt and implement policies that require each practitioner licensed by the Board who has direct contact with persons who are or may become pregnant to complete 2 hours of continuing education related to implicit bias, defined in the bill, and cultural competency in health care at least once every other license renewal cycle.
HB 1754 Telemedicine; extension of time period for provision of services.

Allows patients who have an established relationship with a practitioner who is a member of a health maintenance organization or multispecialty group to receive services from a practitioner who is a member of the same multispecialty group via telemedicine without undergoing another exam within the specified time period and increases the specified time period from 1 to 3 years. Bill increases from 1 to 3 years the period during which psychologists & clinical social workers who are licensed outside Virginia and who meet certain criteria may provide behavioral health services via telemedicine to a patient in Virginia.

HB 1764 Physician assistants; practice agreement exemption; elimination of practice ratio for physicians.

Allows physician assistants practicing in hospitals, certain facilities operated by the Department of Behavioral Health & Development Services, or FQHCs designated by CMS to practice without a practice agreement if the credentialing and privileging requirements of the applicable facility include a practice arrangement as described in the bill.

HB 1787 Schedule VI controlled substance; practitioner-patient relationship.

Allows a practitioner to establish a bona fide practitioner-patient relationship for the purpose of prescribing a Schedule VI controlled substance if the patient chooses not to seek reimbursement by a health plan or carrier for the prescribing and if such prescribing complies with federal requirements for the practice of telemedicine.

HB 1791 Veterans' Behavioral Health Services Grant Matching Fund; created, report.

Creates the Veterans' Behavioral Health Services Grant Matching Fund for the purpose of providing matching funds to local nonprofit organizations to establish and expand community behavioral health programs to serve service members, veterans, and their families.

HB 1815 Health insurance; coverage for breast examinations.

Requires health insurance carriers to provide coverage for diagnostic breast examinations and supplemental breast examinations, as those terms are defined in the bill. The bill provides that such examinations include examinations using diagnostic mammography, breast magnetic resonance imaging, or breast ultrasound.

HB 1835 Health care providers; threats made against providers, penalty.

Removes the location element that specifies a health care provider must be in a hospital or in an emergency room on the premises of a clinic or other facility rendering emergency medical care from the crime of making an oral threat to kill or to do bodily injury to a health care provider.

HB 1872 Board of Counseling; licensure of professional counselors without examination.
Allows the Board of Counseling to issue a license to practice as a professional counselor without examination to an applicant seeking initial licensure or renewal of such license and who satisfies all other education, experience, and fitness to practice requirements set forth in regulation and who is qualified to practice professional counseling.

**HB 1874 Special Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Women.**

Codifies Department of Health's authority to implement a Special SNAP for WIC, which is currently authorized by regulation, and prohibits the Department of Health from requiring persons applying to participate or renewing their participation in the WIC program to appear in person.

**HB 1879 Managed care health insurance plan licensees: network adequacy for mental health care services.**

Requires each managed care health insurance plan licensee to (i) provide a sufficient number and mix of services, specialists, and practice sites to meet persons' mental health care needs; (ii) ensure covered persons have telephone access 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to responsible and knowledgeable mental health care practitioners capable of assessing the persons' conditions and, as necessary, providing for appropriate services; (iii) incorporate strategies into its access procedures to facilitate utilization of the licensee's mental health care services by persons with physical, mental, language, or cultural barriers.

**HB 1918 Health insurance; coverage for audio-only telehealth services.**

Requires health insurers, health care subscription plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage beginning Jan 1, 2024, for the cost of health care services provided through audio-only telehealth services.

**HB 2035 Paid family & medical leave program; Virginia Employment Commission required to establish.**

Requires Virginia Employment Commission to establish and administer a paid family and medical leave program with benefits beginning Jan 1, 2026.

**HB 2089 Health insurance; coverage for prescription contraceptives.**

Requires health insurance carriers to provide coverage, under any health insurance contract, policy, or plan that includes coverage for prescription drugs on an outpatient basis, for any prescribed contraceptive drug or contraceptive device.

**HB 2117 Substance abuse counselors; barrier crimes: exception.**

Allows persons with convictions for possession of a controlled substance to work at adult substance abuse or adult mental health treatment programs.
HB 2216 Health insurance; mental health benefits; coverage for mobile crisis response services.

Requires health insurance carriers to provide coverage for mobile crisis response services, defined in the bill, and support and stabilization services provided in a residential crisis stabilization unit.

Children's Oral Health in Rural Virginia Survey

Inviting all healthcare professionals to participate in a research study provided by a partnership with the VCU Oral Health Core and the Virginia Dental Association. This survey that seeks to obtain a better understanding of the opinions and needs of health professionals who provide health care in rural areas.

Click Here for Survey

Calendar

Virginia HIMSS Advocacy Day 2023: Connected Health in the Commonwealth
February 6, 2023   9:00 am - 3:00 pm   Glen Allen, VA

Public policy topics, discussions, and informational updates related to public policy surrounding health information and technology, Will discuss access to care, including efforts to improve broadband and patient care services in rural areas.

2023 34th Annual Rural Health Policy Institute
February 7-9, 2023   Washington, D.C.

Your chance to guide the future of rural health policy with NRHA leadership and advocate for issues you care about with new and returning members of Congress and the administration.

NOSORH Rural Health Grant Writing Institute
February 27 - May 8, 2023 (Mondays)   Virtual

A series of 9 online learning sessions covering grant writing with a unique rural health focus. The intended audience is beginners looking to gain the skills to research and draft winning proposals from various agencies.
The premier training event addressing issues of disability in agriculture. Professionals and consumers from all over the country will participate in four days of plenary sessions, breakouts, tours, networking, and special events.

Resources

**Improving Rural Health Through Telehealth-Guided Provider-to-Provider Communication**

Presents the results of a comprehensive literature review to identify, summarize, and evaluate available research on the contributions of rural provider-to-provider telehealth communication and collaboration in addressing health disparities, and improving the health of rural populations. Topics cover the specific applications, effectiveness, implementation, sustainability, and barriers and facilitators of provider-to-provider telehealth in rural areas.

**Hunger Vital Sign Toolkit**

Provides a screening tool for identifying households at risk of food insecurity and poor health outcomes linked to food insecurity. Includes detailed information on the development of this resource, with the intent that other organizations may use it to develop and implement similar social risk screening tools.

**Research Institute for Home Care Chartbook 2022**

Provides an overview of home health including patient demographics and clinical profiles, organizational trends, the economic contribution of home health agencies, and patient outcomes. Includes charts and graphs throughout, as well as state-by-state data. Slide 11 highlights the rural-urban distribution of home health users.

Funding Opportunities

**Partnering Research and Community Organizations for Novel Health Equity**
**Research: Addressing Health Systems Factors and Social Determinants of Maternal Health** *NEW*

Funding for established researcher-community partnerships to research the comparative effectiveness of multicomponent, multilevel interventions to improve maternal outcomes for individuals from maternal health disparity populations.

**Letter of Intent (Required): February 7, 2023**  
**Application Deadline: May 2, 2023**

**Wellspring Foundation of Southwest Virginia** *NEW*

The Foundation’s grant application areas of interest include health, children and families, workforce development, education and economic development. Applicants must serve to benefit Washington, Grayson, Russell or Smyth counties and support, promote and/or further the Foundation’s vision and mission.

**Application Deadline: February 15, 2023**

**Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program** *NEW*

Loan repayment assistance for registered nurses, nurse practitioners, advanced practice nurses, and nursing school faculty who agree to work at a Critical Shortage Facility or an eligible school of nursing.

**Application Deadline: February 23, 2023**

**Hillman Innovation Programs** *NEW*

Grants to accelerate the development of creative nursing-driven interventions that will improve the health and healthcare of marginalized populations.

**Letter of Intent (Required): February 28, 2023**  
**Application Deadline: Varies**

**Research Centers in Minority Institutions (U54)** *NEW*

Grants to institutions that offer doctorate degrees in the health professions or in a health-related science and have a historical and current commitment to educating underrepresented students, and for institutions that provide clinical services to medically underserved communities.

**Application Deadline: March 1, 2023**
**Weyerhaeuser Youth Initiative** *NEW*

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, 2023**  
**Application Deadline: August 1, 2023**

**Training and Services to End Violence Against Individuals with Disabilities and Deaf People** *NEW*

Grants to support multidisciplinary collaborative teams that offer services and support to individuals with disabilities and deaf individuals who have been victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

**Application Deadline: March 6, 2023**

**Offender Reentry Program** *NEW*

Grants to expand substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and related recovery and reentry services to sentenced adult offenders/ex-offenders with a SUD and/or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders, who are returning to their families and community from incarceration.

**Application Deadline: March 6, 2023**

**Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Adult and Family Treatment Drug Courts** *NEW*

Grants to enhance and expand substance use disorder treatment services in existing drug courts, recognizing the need for treatment instead of incarceration for individuals with substance use disorders.

**Application Deadline: March 6, 2023**

**Medication Assisted Treatment - Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction** *NEW*

Funding to expand or enhance access to medication assisted treatment services for individuals with opioid use disorder.

**Application Deadline: March 7, 2023**
**Nizar N. Oweida, MD, FACS, Scholarship of the American College of Surgeons** *NEW*

A scholarship for surgeons in small towns and rural communities to either: (1) attend the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress; (2) travel and attend training; or (3) conduct research to improve performance as a rural surgeon.

**Application Deadline: March 15, 2023**

**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 15, 2023**

**The Workers Lab: Innovation Fund** *NEW*

The Workers Lab seeks innovators with early-stage ideas centered around making the ways the U.S. serves workers more modern and inclusive. Up to six fellows will be selected to participate in a 4-month program providing training, mentorship, and customized support to bring their idea to life and set them up for larger-scale investment.

**Application Deadline: March 27, 2023**

**Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Program** *NEW*

Funding to support community-based organizations to use the EPA Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Model to develop and implement community-driven solutions that address environmental and/or public health issues for underserved communities. Special consideration will be given to projects located in rural areas.

**Application Deadline: April 10, 2023**

**Stand Down Grants** *NEW*

Provides funding for events that offer homeless veteran populations a variety of social services designed to help them to reintegrate into their communities, such as housing, healthcare, and employment opportunities.

**Application Deadline: September 30, 2025**

**Rural Quality Improvement Technical Assistance Cooperative Agreement**
Awards funding to one organization to provide technical assistance to beneficiaries of FORHP quality initiatives, such as grantees, Critical Access Hospitals, and other rural providers.

**Application Deadline: February 17, 2023**

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part C Capacity Development Grants

Funding to assist eligible entities to strengthen their organizational infrastructure and to increase their capacity to develop, enhance, or expand access to high quality HIV primary healthcare services for low-income, uninsured, underinsured, and people in underserved and rural communities.

**Application Deadline: February 17, 2023**

Lesbian Health Fund 2023 Grant Call

Graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and junior faculty interested in pursuing a research career focused on LGBTQ+ women or girls are invited to apply. Senior scholars, faculty, and non-profit organizations interested in expanding their program of research into this population are also welcome to apply.

**Application Deadline: February 28, 2022**

HHS COVID-19 and Health Equity Impact Fellowship

A mentored fellowship opportunity located in Washington, D.C. to conduct policy research and participate in quantitative data analyses on topics such as social determinants of health; health equity; access to healthcare services for at risk populations; and analyzing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on emergency care services, maternity care, and/or the HIV population.

**Application Deadline: March 1, 2023**

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 3, 2023

**Rural Communities Opioid Response Program - Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome**

Grants for projects designed to reduce the incidence and impact of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome in rural communities by improving systems of care, family supports, and social determinants of health.

Application Deadline: March 8, 2023

**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 10, 2023

**Health Services Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities**

For health services research that can directly contribute to the improvement of minority health and/or the reduction of health disparities, while taking into consideration the interaction between system-level healthcare, individual clinical care and social determinants of health, including the role of structural systemic factors, place and neighborhood factors. Focuses on services provided in the healthcare setting where individuals from health disparity populations seek care with a clinician for preventive services, chronic disease management, urgent symptomatic care, emergency care, and hospital care.

Application Deadline: March 27, 2023

**Virginia Behavioral Health Student Loan Repayment Program**

Annual $1.6 million fund established by the Virginia General Assembly in 2021 to help recruit and retain behavioral health professionals to practice in underserved areas of the Commonwealth or to provide counseling and treatment to underserved populations. The program will repay a portion of eligible professionals’ student loan debt. In return, recipients commit to practicing in Virginia for a minimum of two years at an eligible site.

Application Deadline: April 15, 2023

**AgriSafe Nurse Scholar Program**
A distance learning opportunity available to rural nurses designed to increase knowledge base in prevention, identification, and assessment of diseases related to agricultural work exposures. A 50% scholarship is available for nurses working in nonprofit organizations, Rural Health Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, government agencies, and educational institutions. A full scholarship is available for nurses from Illinois and for nurses from Missouri that work in Rural Health Clinics, government agencies, academia, and nonprofit organizations.

**Application Deadline: May 15, 2023**

David W. and Sandra L.R. Boyes Physician Education Scholarship

Scholarship for health professionals and specialists working on continuing education in the field of gerontology. Special consideration is given to applicants who currently practice or plan to practice in rural Virginia or southern Appalachian areas.

**Application Deadline: June 1, 2023**

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.

**Application Deadline: July 8, 2023**

AHRQ Health Services Research Projects (R01)

Support for specified health services 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: July 8, 2023**

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, 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**

**Notice of Special Interest: Advancing the Science of Geriatric Palliative Care**

Notice of Special Interest to encourage research focused on palliative care in geriatric populations. Studies may take place in a variety of settings including hospitals, post-acute care settings, outpatient clinics, doctors' offices, homes and other residential settings, long-term care facilities, hospices, and other healthcare or community settings. Research in disparity populations and in rural/remote settings is encouraged.

**Application Deadline: September 8, 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**

**Notice of Special Interest (NOSI) Hearing Healthcare for Adults: Improving Access and Affordability**

Notice of Special Interest for research to improve access and affordability of hearing healthcare (HHC) in adults, which includes research addressing rural health issues potentially affecting HHC utilization and the unique HHC needs of rural populations.

**Application Deadline: January 7, 2024**

**Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Telehealth in Cancer Care**

Notice of Special Interest for research on the use of telehealth in cancer-related care, with a focus on populations that experience inequities in access to care and have worse cancer outcomes compared to the general population.

**Application Deadline: March 8, 2024**
**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**

**Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Research on the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic and Risks for Abuse and Injury Among Vulnerable Children and Youth**

Notice of Special Interest to fund research on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and risks for abuse and injury among vulnerable children and youth. Emphasis is placed on disparity populations related to abuse and neglect prior to the pandemic, as well as populations that have been disproportionately affected by the coronavirus. Disparity populations include American Indians, Alaska Natives, LGBT youth, and children seen at rural emergency departments.

**Application Deadline: May 31, 2024**

**Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Dissemination and Implementation Research to Advance Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Health Preventive Interventions in School Settings**

Notice of Special Interest for dissemination and implementation research to support innovative approaches to overcoming barriers to the adoption, adaptation, integration, scale-up, and sustainability of evidence-based interventions to support children’s mental, emotional, and behavioral health in school settings. Health disparity populations, including individuals living in rural areas, are a priority.

**Application Deadline: June 5, 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

**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

**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

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**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**

**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**

**Innovative Mental Health Services Research Not Involving Clinical Trials (R01)**

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**

**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 disparity populations and how work functions as a social determinant of health.
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.

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.

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.

Leveraging Health Information Technology (Health IT) to Address Minority Health and Health Disparities (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

Grants for research that examines how health information technology adoption impacts minority health and health disparity populations in access to care, quality of care, patient engagement, and health outcomes.

Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Research Using Implementation Science to Support the Delivery of Evidence-Based Practices in Community-Based Mental or General Medical Healthcare Settings
Notice of Special Interest for mental health services and implementation research to support the adoption and sustainability of evidence-based practices in community-based settings that deliver care to people with mental illness. Health disparity populations, including individuals living in rural areas, are a priority.

**Application Deadline: May 8, 2025**

Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Implementation Science to Advance Maternal Health and Maternal Health Equity for the IMPROVE Initiative

Notice of Special Interest for research to address health disparities associated with pregnancy-related and pregnancy-associated morbidity and mortality. Populations of focus include American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, other Pacific Islanders, and underserved rural populations, among others.

**Application Deadline: May 8, 2025**

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