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VRHA News
Now Accepting Sponsors for the 2023 Rural Health Voice Conference!

The Rural Health Voice Conference brings people who care about rural Virginia together and provides an opportunity to discuss how we can ensure the sustainability of rural Virginia through policy, access, economics, education and more.

This event attracts 80-100 attendees, including facility executives, academic faculty, clinic staff, government officials, and health professions students.

November 15-16, 2023
The Inn at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

2023 RHV Conference Sponsor Packet

VA Group Leads Rural Healthcare Workforce Program

The Virginia Rural Health Association’s Workforce Initiative is a collaboration with local workforce boards to train people in a variety of health care jobs. They can learn the skills to become licensed practical nurses, certified medical assistants, or to achieve other associate degree-level jobs.

Danielle Montague, program director for the Virginia Rural Health Association, said as the first year of a multiyear grant wraps up, they will make changes depending on the feedback they receive.

"I think it's going to be really important for us to bring on some participants that have gone through the actual programs and gained employment, so we can hear from their perspectives and hear more from what they need of us," Montague explained.

An overarching goal of the initiative is to fill gaps in rural health care, but Montague pointed out it is not just a rural issue. A National Association of Community Health Centers report found more than 3 million people in Virginia are medically disenfranchised, meaning they have no or inadequate access to primary care services.

Virginia News
**Youngkin names Southwest Virginia health leader as health commissioner**

Dr. Karen Shelton – a Bristol native who led three Southwest Virginia health districts during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic — was named Thursday as the next state health commissioner by Gov. Glenn Youngkin.

Dr. Shelton served as medical director of the Mount Rogers Health District for more than five years and as acting director of the Cumberland Plateau and LENOWISCO health districts, and she led those districts to have the fastest rollouts of COVID testing and vaccinations in Virginia, according to the news release.

In addition to the COVID-19 pandemic, her focus was on the region’s opioid epidemic and neonatal abstinence syndrome, which occurs when babies are born addicted to drugs as a result of their mothers’ use during pregnancy, according to the release.

**Sentara Halifax Regional Hospital to discontinue childbirth services**

The hospital will continue to provide women’s health care, including gynecology services and mammograms, and pediatric care for children of all ages.

Zwoyer said the decision to end childbirth care at the hospital is driven by the falloff in the number of deliveries in South Boston, in keeping with the demographic trend of an aging population and a national declining birth rate. According to Sentara, deliveries at SHRH have declined 33 percent in the past five years, with 363 deliveries in 2018 and only 244 in 2022.

“Despite our efforts to try to continue this program, due to a significant drop in the number of births over the past couple of years, the ability to continue to offer obstetrics services is no longer feasible for our hospital,” said Zwoyer. “We also know there are a number of changes happening at SHRH currently and we understand that this can be unsettling. While the decision to build a new acute care hospital is not directly related to this decision, it is necessary in order to meet the needs of the community in the future given the aging and shrinking population.”

**Virginia Health Care Foundation's 'Profile of Virginia’s Uninsured' Now Available**

Developed by the Urban Institute, the 2023 Profile includes:
• Estimates of their number, percentage and general demographics;
• Separate analyses of uninsured children and adults;
• Maps showing distribution of uninsured across the Commonwealth by region, and;
• Estimates of access to primary care, oral health and behavioral health services.

**National News**

**ECHO Needs Assessment - Institute for Public Health Innovation (IPHI)**

The West Virginia Clinical and Translational Science Institute, in partnership with the Institute for Public Health Innovation (IPHI) is reaching out to assess providers’ interest in learning more about treating patients with multiple sclerosis and other neurodegenerative diseases.

Please take a moment to answer the survey to help design a program to increase provider knowledge and confidence in providing patient care for the complex spectrum of treatment needs for neurodegenerative diseases.

Providers from across the healthcare spectrum are encouraged to complete the survey. This includes but is not limited to physicians, physician assistants, nurses, community health workers, mental health therapists, and physical therapists. Survey submission deadline is **May 1, 2023**.

**Rural Hospital CEO Participation in Univ. of Pennsylvania Research Requested**

Physicians leading a research team at the University of Pennsylvania and Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia are conducting interviews with health care CEOs to learn how they navigate when and how to respond to polarizing social and political issues both internally within their organization and externally with the broader community. They are eager to include rural hospital leaders in this research.

If you choose to participate, they will ask for 30 minutes of your time to conduct a telephone-based interview in which they ask you questions related to this topic. They’ll record the conversation so that the team can listen to it later and make sure they hear all of your thoughts. Your responses will be completely confidential and will be presented in research publications in a way that will not identify you or your institution. If you would rather not answer more questions, or any specific questions, they will stop at any time.
If you are interested, please email either or both of the researchers on this project: kerry.meltzer@pennmedicine.upenn.edu and bouchellez@chop.edu

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**Calendar**

**One Care of Southwest Virginia Educational Forum on Stimulant Use Disorders: Consequences, Prevention, and Treatment**

**July 28, 2023  8:30 am - 5:00 pm  Virtual**

At the conclusion of this activity, learners will be able to interpret prescription drug monitoring reports as a routine practice in patient-centered care and explain how to update internal office policies and protocols to avoid disciplinary hearings. 6.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits.

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**Resources**

**Calling On Partners to Help People Stay Covered**

The Administration for Children and Families, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and other federal agencies are working together to recruit partners to help people stay connected to healthcare coverage, by updating contact information and learning what actions are needed to retain healthcare coverage. Several unwinding resources listed on website.

**Ready or Not 2023: Protecting the Public's Health from Diseases, Disasters, and Bioterrorism**

Report explores the readiness of state public health systems to respond to emergencies, such as diseases, disasters, and bioterrorism. Focuses on measures such as hospital safety scores, vaccination rates, and water system maintenance, among others. Includes rural considerations throughout.

**Rural EMS Quality Improvement Basics**

A quality improvement course geared toward emergency medical services (EMS) professionals in rural areas. Provides guidance on quality improvement awareness, implementation, and leadership.
**Integrating Z Coding for Social Determinants of Health and Its Impact on Rural Areas**

Policy brief discussing the potential impact of utilizing Z codes to capture important information on social determinants of health in rural areas barriers for identifying and reporting these codes in rural communities and healthcare settings. Offers recommendations for policies and actions to increase the use and effectiveness of Z codes, especially among rural, under-resourced health providers.

**Community Health Center Chartbook 2023**

Presents graphs, charts, and data highlighting services provided by Community Health Centers, characteristics of the patients served, and progress made in improving access to healthcare. Reports on health centers' financial health, workforce status, economic impact, challenges to meeting the demand for healthcare needs, and more. Includes statistics on telehealth service offerings with breakdowns by urban or rural status. Contains maps with data by state throughout.

**Funding Opportunities**

**Community Health Care Awards of Excellence** *NEW*

Awards that recognize board members, clinicians, administrators, and public officials that exemplify excellence in community healthcare and contribute to the health center mission.

**Application Deadline: May 24, 2023**

**Mine Health and Safety Grants** *NEW*

Grants to prevent fatalities, disease, and injury from mining and secure safe and healthy working conditions for miners through laws, regulations, safety improvements, education, and training.

**Application Deadline: June 12, 2023**

**Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative for Law Enforcement Agencies** *NEW*
Grants to strengthen the capacity of small/rural law enforcement agencies and prosecutors to combat violent crime by implementing critical elements from BJA-developed guides, which include strategies and services to mitigate the risk for violent behavior in individuals dealing with mental health and/or substance use disorders.

**Application Deadline: June 13, 2023**

**Broadband Technical Assistance Program** *NEW*

Funding to eligible entities to receive or deliver broadband technical assistance and training that promotes the expansion of broadband into rural areas. In addition to supporting broadband technical assistance and training activities, funding may be used to help develop and expand broadband cooperatives.

**Application Deadline: June 20, 2023**

**Health Careers Opportunity Program: The National HCOP Academies**

Grants to increase and support opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds to enter and graduate from health professions programs. National HCOP Academies strengthen the health workforce pipeline in medically underserved and rural areas by providing both academic and social supports to students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

**Application Deadline: May 24, 2023**

**Integrated Maternal Health Services**

Funding to develop/demonstrate an integrated maternal health services model to support comprehensive care for pregnant and postpartum people who experience health disparities and have limited access to basic social and healthcare services.

**Application Deadline: May 24, 2023**

**AHRQ Safety Program for Telemedicine**

Learning cohorts of healthcare professionals who use telemedicine as a care delivery model. The current cohort (March - May, 2023) focuses on improving the cancer diagnostic process and will include telehealth practices in adult and family primary care, gynecology, and community-based health clinics who regularly provide cancer diagnoses. Providers and practices from rural communities are encouraged to apply.

**Application Deadline: May 25, 2023**
Healthy Meals Incentives Grants for Small and Rural School Food Authorities

Grants for small and rural School Food Authorities that are experiencing challenges in the improvement of the nutritional quality of their school meals due to limited staffing, difficulty in accessing training, increased food costs due to limited purchasing power, lack of physical space, and outdated kitchen equipment.

Application Deadline: May 26, 2023

Treatment, Recovery, and Workforce Support Grants

Grants to implement evidence-based programs to support individuals in substance use disorder treatment and recovery to live independently and participate in the workforce. Projects should focus on equity for rural, tribal, and other underserved populations.

Application Deadline: May 30, 2023

Helping Hands Grant Program

Grants to encourage medical students to participate in community service activities, particularly those focused on underserved populations; raise awareness of mental illness and the importance of early recognition of illness; and build an interest among medical students in psychiatry and working in underserved communities. Projects should focus on mental health and substance use disorder.

Application Deadline: May 31, 2023

American Psychiatric Association Foundation: Helping Hands Grants Program

The Helping Hands Grants Program seeks to encourage medical students to participate in community service activities focused on underserved populations, raise awareness of mental illness & the importance of early recognition of illness, and build an interest among medical students in the psychiatric field and working in underserved communities. Grants are provided to medical schools for mental health and substance use disorder projects, particularly in underserved minority communities, which are created and managed by medical students.

Application Deadline: May 31, 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**

**Clif Family Foundation**

The Foundation’s funding priorities include strengthening food systems, enhancing equitable community health outcomes, and safeguarding the environment and natural resources. Through the Foundation’s Small Grants Program, general organizational support as well as funding for specific projects is provided to nonprofit organizations throughout the U.S. Priority is given to applicants that address two or more of the funding priorities at the same time, demonstrate strong community ties, and operate within viable and clearly defined plans for positive change.

**Application Deadline: June 1, 2023**

**Screening and Treatment for Maternal Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders**

Funding to expand the capacity of healthcare providers to screen, assess, treat, and refer pregnant and postpartum people for maternal mental health and substance use disorders. Rural and other medically underserved areas are a program priority.

**Application Deadline: June 2, 2023**

**Strategic Prevention Framework - Partnerships for Success**

Funding to use the SAMHSA Strategic Prevention Framework to address one of the nation’s top substance abuse prevention priorities in youth and adults. Awardees will use local data to identify the primary substance use concerns in their community and develop strategies and services to prevent substance use and promote mental health.

**Application Deadline: June 5, 2023**

**Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program**

Funding to promote behavioral health integration in pediatric primary care by supporting the development of new, or the improvement of existing, statewide or regional pediatric mental healthcare telehealth access programs.

**Application Deadline: June 12, 2023**

**Community Connect Grant Program**
USDA is making $79 million in grants available for recipients to provide high-speed internet service at community-serving institutions free of charge for up to two years. Institutions include schools, libraries, fire stations, and other public safety sites.

**Application Deadline: June 20, 2023**

**Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research Centers**

Funding for academic research centers to participate in the network of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research Centers.

**Application Deadline: June 23, 2023**

**Community Level Interventions to Improve Minority Health and Reduce Health Disparities**

Funding for research to develop and test community-level interventions to improve minority health and reduce health disparities. Populations of focus include American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, socioeconomically disadvantaged populations, and underserved rural populations, among others.

**Application Deadline: July 7, 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**

**Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grants**

Grants to support communities in the development and implementation of comprehensive safety action plans to significantly reduce or eliminate roadway fatalities and serious injuries. Ensuring investment in rural communities is a priority.
**Application Deadline: July 10, 2023**

**Virginia Health Access Grants**

Funding for projects to increase access to healthcare for uninsured Virginians and those who live in areas with limited access to care.

**Letter of Intent (Required): July 14, 2023**
**Application Deadline: September 5, 2023**

**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): August 5, 2023**
**Application Deadline: September 1, 2023**

**Berkeley Public Health Online Rural Health Innovation Program**

Scholarships for public health leaders working in rural communities to attend the online MPH program at Berkeley and participate in a rural health curricula cohort.

**Application Deadline: August 13, 2023**

**Rural Health Innovation Program**

Berkeley Public Health Online, with backing from the Barr-Campbell Family Foundation, will offer 25 fully paid scholarships per year to eligible online MPH students. All 25 Rural Health Scholars will study alongside a larger cohort of public health masters students across disciplines as well as a more intimate cohort that is equipped with a specialized rural health curricula.

**Application Deadline: August 13, 2023 (for January 2024 start date)**

**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**

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 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

**Walmart Foundation Community Grant Program**

Grants to support the unique needs of local communities in the service areas of Walmart and Sam's Club stores.

Application Deadline: December 31, 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**

**Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Research to Improve Pre-Pregnancy Care and Enhance Healthy Birth Intervals**

Notice of Special Interest for research that assesses the social and behavioral processes that facilitate or hinder the achievement of healthy interbirth intervals and to identify public health interventions that promote healthy birth outcomes.

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

**Application Deadline: September 8, 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**

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.

**Application Deadline: May 7, 2025**

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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**Application Deadline: May 8, 2025**

**Stand Down Grants**

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**

**Notice of Special Interest: Research to Address Vaccine Uptake and Implementation among Populations Experiencing Health Disparities**

Notice of Special Interest for research on strategies and interventions to increase vaccine uptake and implementation among populations experiencing health disparities.

**Application Deadline: June 6, 2026**

**AHRQ Small Research Projects to Advance the Science of Primary Care (R03)**

Funding to support small research projects that advance the role and capacity of primary care to increase the value and quality of care and improve patient outcomes and population health. Rural populations are considered a priority.

**Application Deadline: March 19, 2027**

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