Weekly Update

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**Riverside Health will deliver medications by drone to Tangier Island, Eastern Shore**

The journey from Tangier Island in the Chesapeake Bay to the pharmacy at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Onancock takes over an hour.

First one needs to take the ferry, which shuffles passengers more than 21 miles that separate the island from the Eastern Shore. Then they need to travel another few miles to the hospital.

The distance and transportation creates a challenge for patients who need fast access to medication, said Nick Chuquin, president of Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital. It can also discourage patients from showing up to appointments. “Sometimes because of work schedules, not enough mail for the mail boat to run, weather, there’s a delay in getting their medications,” he said.

Riverside Health will soon launch a prescription drone delivery program to help bridge that gap. It’s a partnership with Virginia Beach-based DroneUp, the Virginia Institute for Spaceflight & Autonomy at Old Dominion University, the Virginia Innovation Partnership Corporation and planning officials on the Eastern Shore.

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Virginia News

**VA-AAP Chapter & Immunization Committee: seeking rural/underserved practices to increase 6 month - 5 year old COVID vaccines**

The VA-AAP Chapter & Immunization Committee are seeking 8-10 practices in rural and underserved parts of the state who are looking to increase numbers of 6 month - 5 year old COVID vaccines. This will include a CME hour to start followed by a six week period of time to utilize a small stipend creating a COVID-19 vaccination plan or event. There will be minimal data collection through a pre-survey, mid-survey, and post-survey.

Interested practices can apply [here](#).
National News

**Hospital Price Transparency Enforcement Update**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) put out a press release stating that it will update its enforcement procedures regarding price transparency rules. These updates include:

1. For hospitals that have not made any attempt at complying with price transparency regulations, **CMS will not issue a warning and will instead move straight to requesting a corrective action plan (CAP).**

2. Rather than allowing a hospital to propose a compliance date in its CAP, CMS will now require hospitals to **be in compliance within 90 days of receiving a CAP request.**

3. CMS will **automatically impose civil monetary penalties** on hospitals that do not submit a CAP by the submission deadline and for hospitals that did submit a CAP but did not come into compliance within 90 days.

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**Calendar**

**Rural Education Summit**
August 23-24, 2023   Blacksburg, VA

The Rural Education Summit is a gathering of scholars, educators, and activists who care about advancing opportunities for rural communities. This year's Summit will focus on the intersections between rural schooling and community health and wellness.

**Rural Community Health Connections Summit**
July 12-13, 2023   Washington, D.C.

The National Rural Health Association Rural Community Health Connections Summit will bring together rural community health and grassroots leaders, rural-focused state organizations, rural community health funders, and other partners who innovatively work to support and sustain access to care for rural residents across the country.

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**Resources**
**Hidden Crisis: Pediatric Oral Health In Rural America**

Highlights barriers to rural pediatric oral health and proposes actions to be undertaken by advocates for children. Examines Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas, oral health literacy, and needed Medicaid reforms. Features model oral health programs and profiles of several rural providers.

**Creating a Resource Map with Google My Maps**

Provides a tutorial for creating a community living resource map through Google My Maps.

**The Impact of Chronic Underfunding on America's Public Health System: Trends, Risks, and Recommendations, 2022**

Provides state-by-state information on public health funding. Includes information on funding provided to the states by the federal government, as well as state public health budgets. Features information about federal funding for COVID-19 response actions.

**Obstetric Readiness in Rural Communities Lacking Hospital Labor and Delivery Units**

NRHA policy brief discussing the current rural maternal healthcare workforce and their capacity to manage obstetric emergencies during pregnancy, labor, and delivery. Offers recommendations to promote obstetric readiness for emergency care in rural hospitals without obstetric units and support for community-based, emergency department-adjacent health workers.

**2023 National Association of Free & Charitable Clinics (NAFC) Data Report**

Reports on 2022 activities of clinics and pharmacies that are members of the National Association of Free & Charitable Clinics (NAFC). Includes information on patient demand and demographics, workforce, services offered, financial data, social determinants of health (SDOH) screenings, and more. Provides rural-specific data on patient usage, type and location of facilities, and government-funded special groups.

**Disparities in Health and Health Care: 5 Key Questions and Answers**

Defines health and healthcare disparities and discusses the social and economic inequities that drive them. Provides details on the current status of health disparities in the U.S. including rural, the importance of addressing them, and what the federal government is doing to alleviate health disparities. Identifies related issues to be addressed in the future.
Funding Opportunities

**Elevance Health Foundation** *NEW*

The Elevance Health Foundation, formerly the Anthem Foundation, strives to improve the health of humanity by addressing health inequalities and strengthening communities in the U.S. The Foundation seeks to support partnerships and programs that address health inequities by demonstrating measurable and positive change in the areas of maternal and child health, food as medicine, and substance use disorder. Priority is given to partnerships and programs that address racial inequities and health disparities.

**Application Deadlines:**

- **Substance Use Disorder:** Each January (with a deadline of 1/31)*
- **Food as Medicine:** Each May (with a deadline of 5/31)*
- **Maternal and Child Health:** Each August (with a deadline of 8/31)*

**Maternal Health Research Collaborative for Minority-Serving Institutions (MH-RC-MSI) Research Centers (RCs)** *NEW*

Funding to establish a multi-institutional research network supporting minority-serving institutions to build capacity to conduct research addressing disparities in maternal mortality, morbidity, and health outcomes and to find community-based solutions to advance health equity.

**Application Deadline: June 12, 2023**

**Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences through Data to Action** *NEW*

Funding for non-research activities that leverage multi-sector partnerships and resources to improve adverse childhood experiences and positive childhood experiences. Target populations include rural communities and other geographically underserved areas.

**Application Deadline: June 12, 2023**

**Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant** *NEW*

Grants to intermediary organizations to provide technical assistance and training for rural organizations and agencies to identify and plan for community facility needs that
exist in their area, and once those needs have been identified, locating public and private resources to finance those identified needs.

**Application Deadline: June 20, 2023**

**Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) *NEW***

Supports establishment or expansion of rural cooperatives and other mutually owned businesses that will help improve economic conditions in rural areas. grants of up to $200,000 awarded to provide technical and cooperative development assistance to individuals and rural businesses.

**Application Deadline: June 26, 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**

**Mine Health and Safety Grants**

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**

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**

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**

**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**

**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**

**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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