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2016 Academy Health Annual Meeting Co-Sponsorship

1. Statement of Work

1.1 Background

CMS OMH was established in 2010 as part of the Affordable Care Act and is one of eight Offices of Minority Health within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). CMS OMH serves as the principal advisor to CMS on the special needs of minority and disadvantaged populations and coordinates activities within the agency to improve minority health, eliminate health disparities, and disseminate the findings of this work to health disparities stakeholders.

The Academy Health Annual Research Meeting (ARM) serves as a dissemination and implementation conference for health disparities research. Faculty consists of experts in the field, as well as those with real-world experience implementing equity strategies and solutions. Academy Health ARM targets thought leaders that are active in health care delivery and focus on quality improvement (including those from QIOs, HENs, health plans, hospitals, and health centers across the country).

This scientific meeting provides participants with the tools and skills to identify and address racial and ethnic disparities in health care within their organizations with the goal of empowering them to implement these strategies and transform their organizations to focus on quality and equity. This conference directly aligns with HHS Strategic Plan Objective Goal 2 – Advance Scientific Knowledge and Innovation and CMS Strategy Goal 2 – Prevention and Population Health.

1.2 Purpose

CMS OMH would like to co-sponsor the 2016 Academy Health ARM. This conference co-sponsorship includes one (1) panel presentation. CMS Office of Minority Health Invited Papers --- will present current Medicare health disparities research issues and will be organized by CMS Office of Minority Health staff.

This effort supports the QIO 12th SOW cross-cutting theme of reducing health disparities for priority populations, and the objectives of integrating care for populations and communities, and supporting and convening learning action networks. Specifically, the strategic and actionable information gleaned from this effort will allow QIOs to build coalitions of stakeholders focused on the identification and eradication of health disparities in a way that contributes to the business goals of the organization.

Description of the Project:

Academy Health's Annual Research Meeting (ARM) is the nation's largest scientific conference bridging health services research with health policy, practice, and management. Now in its 33rd year, the ARM brings together researchers, policymakers, and health care providers to examine emerging research issues critical to the quality, utilization, organization, financing, and management of health services.

This three-day interdisciplinary meeting features more than 150 sessions in a variety of formats and attracts over 2,400 participants who seek to:

- Disseminate research
- Influence the translation of research to policy and practice
- Participate in health policy debates
- Gain valuable methodological skills
- Learn about the latest funding research opportunities
- Collaborate with peers

To ensure that each ARM achieves these objectives, AcademyHealth enlists leading health services researchers and key research users to guide the development of the conference program.

AcademyHealth administers an extensive call for abstracts and a popular and highly visible poster program. The meeting provides more than 550 opportunities for oral presentation and more than 1000 poster presentations. As the annual professional destination for health services researchers, the ARM is a magnet for related organizations and typically hosts more than 50 adjunct meetings.

Participation:

The following activities and products of the 2016 Health Services Research National Scientific Meeting will be partially supported by the purchase order. The AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting program typically includes themes such as coverage and access; behavioral health; disparities; gender and health; health information technology;

health insurance markets and managed care; long-term care; management, organization, and financing; Medicare; Medicaid; public health; quality; and workforce.

A major mission of AcademyHealth is to improve health and health care by generating new knowledge and moving knowledge into action. AcademyHealth stimulates the development, understanding, and use of the best available health services research and health policy information by public and private decision-makers. Through the Annual Research Meeting, researchers examine issues critical to the delivery, organization, and financing of health care.

By participating at the Annual Research Meeting, CMS Office of Minority Health research/session will be showcased to a wide audience of health services researchers and the users of the research --- providers and policymakers.

Dissemination of CMS Office of Minority Health Research

CMS Office of Minority Health will organize one 90-minute session to be titled at a later date. The Office of Minority Health-CMS's representatives will be included on the panel and will determine the content of the presentations.

- CMS Office of Minority Health Invited Sessions --- will present current Medicare research issues and will be organized by CMS staff.
- \$20,000

Deliverables

Five complete sets of conference materials (more, if requested), including:

- Agenda Book, which summarizes sessions and lists all conference speakers

Web Outreach

AcademyHealth will post CMS presentations on the Web site following the meeting. The postings, which are housed indefinitely, receive thousands of hits every month and provide excellent exposure to CMS's critical health services research.

- Web postings of CMS PowerPoint presentations
- Web postings of abstracts noting CMS funded research

Conference Follow-Up

AcademyHealth will deliver the following recording of the meeting to CMS:

- CDs of the CMS Office of Minority Health session
- DVDs of the plenaries