

HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

The purpose of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Health Services Research Grant Program is to support HBCU researchers in carrying out health services research activities to meet the needs of diverse CMS beneficiary populations. This is the 18th year for the grant program. The goals of the grant program are to: 1) encourage HBCU health services researchers to pursue research issues which impact the Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP programs, 2) assist CMS in implementing its mission focusing on health care quality and improvement for its beneficiaries, 3) assist HBCU researchers by supporting extramural research in health care capacity development activities for the African American communities, 4) increase the pool of HBCU researchers capable of implementing the research, demonstration, and evaluation activities of CMS, 5) promote research that will be aimed at developing a better understanding of health care services pertained to African Americans, and 6) assist in fostering interuniversity communication and collaboration regarding African American health disparity issues.

Funding is available for grants to implement research related to health care delivery and health financing issues affecting the African American community, including issues of access to health care, utilization of health care services, health outcomes, quality of services, cost of care, health and racial disparities, socio-economic differences, cultural barriers, and activities related to health screening, prevention, outreach, and education. Eligible researchers may request \$200,000 to allow the FY2014 HBCU funds to be awarded for the 24 month budget period for these grants.

To be eligible for grants under this program, an institution must be an HBCU and meet one of the following three requirements: 1) offer a Ph.D. or Master's Degree Program in one or more of the following disciplines Allied Health, Gerontology, Health Care Administration, Health Management, Nursing, Pharmacology, Public Health, Public Policy, Social Work; or 2) have a School of Medicine; or 3) be a member of the National HBCU Research Network for Health Services and Health Disparities.

Schedule for FY 2014 Grant Announcement

The FY 2014 HBCU Grant Program announcement has been posted. Applicants must apply electronically by visiting the Web site <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ResearchDemoGrantsOpt/> and following instructions under Section IV of the announcement "APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION." Awards will be announced in September 2014. To also receive a hard copy of the FY 2014 announcement, application forms, and instructions or to obtain further information about this program, applicants may contact:

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