

HISPANIC HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

The purpose of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Hispanic Grant Program is to implement Hispanic American health services research activities to meet the needs of diverse CMS beneficiary populations. This is the 7th year for the grant program. The grant program is designed to: 1) encourage Hispanic health services researchers to pursue research issues which impact the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP programs, 2) assist CMS in implementing its mission focusing on health care quality and improvement for its beneficiaries, 3) assist Hispanic researchers by supporting extramural research in health care capacity development activities for the Hispanic American community, 4) increase the pool of Hispanic American researchers available to implement the research, demonstration, and evaluation activities of CMS, 5) promote research that will be aimed at developing a better understanding of health care services issues pertaining to Hispanic Americans, and 6) foster an Hispanic network for communication and collaboration regarding health care issues.

Funding is available for grants to implement research related to health care delivery and health financing issues affecting Hispanic American communities, 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, managed care systems, and activities related to health screening, prevention, outreach, and education. Eligible researchers may request \$100,000 to \$125,000 per year for up to two (2) years for these grants.

To be eligible for grants under this program, an institution must be an Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) and meet one of the following four requirements: 1) offer a Ph.D. or Master's Degree Program in one or more of the following disciplines Allied Health, Economics, Gerontology, Health Services Administration, Health Care Administration, Health Education, Health Management, Human Services and Consumer Sciences, Nursing, Nutrition, Pharmacology, Psychology, Public Health, Public Policy, Social Work; or 2) be a member of Hispanic Serving Health Professions Schools; or 3) be a member of the Inter-University Program for Latino Research (IUPLR); or 4) be a member of Hispanic serving organizations or professional associations with a health services research component; or 5) demonstrate the capacity to conduct research on health services delivery or financing issues relevant to Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP programs.

Schedule for FY 2005 Grant Announcement

The FY 2005 Hispanic Grant Program announcement will be mailed to Hispanic Serving Institutions on April 18, 2005. Researchers may also submit an application electronically. Awards will be announced on October 2005. To also receive a copy of the FY 2005 announcement, application forms, and instructions or to obtain further information about this program, contact:

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