

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 tenth year for the grant program. The grant program is designed to: 1) Encourage health services researchers to pursue research issues which impact Hispanic Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP health disparities issues, 2) conduct outreach activities to apprise Hispanic researchers of funding availability to conduct research-related issues affecting Hispanic American communities to expand the pool of applicants applying for such grants, 3) assist CMS in implementing its mission focusing on health care quality and improvement for its beneficiaries, 4) support extramural research in health care capacity development activities for the Hispanic American communities, 5) promote research that will be aimed at developing a better understanding of health care services issues pertaining to Hispanic Americans, and 6) foster a network for communication and collaboration regarding Hispanic 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, applicants must meet one of the following three requirements in order to qualify for funding under this grant program: 1) A health services/disparities researcher at an university or college offering a Ph.D. or Master's Degree Program in one or more of the following disciplines Allied Health, Gerontology, Health Care Administration, Health Education, Nursing, Pharmacology, Public Health, Public Policy, Social Work; or 2) a member of a community-based health organization with a Hispanic health services research component; or 3) a member of a professional association focusing on Hispanic health services and health disparities issues.

Schedule for FY 2008 Grant Announcement

The FY 2008 Hispanic Health Services Research Grant Program announcement has been posted. Applicants must apply electronically by visiting the Web site <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/GrantOpportunities/> and following instructions under "APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION." Awards will be announced in September 2008. To also receive a hard copy of the FY 2008 announcement, application forms, and instructions or to obtain further information about this program, applicants may contact:

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