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The application deadline date for new schools is April 19, 1996. Applications shall be considered as meeting the deadline if they are either:

- (1) Received on or before the established deadline date, or
- (2) Sent on or before the established deadline and received in time for orderly processing. (Applicants should request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or the U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing.)

Late applications not accepted for processing will be returned to the applicant.

The *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance* Number for the Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students program is 93.925. This program is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs (as implemented through 45 CFR part 100).

This program is not subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements.

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**“Low Income Levels” for Health Professions and Nursing Programs**

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is updating income levels used to identify a “low income family” for the purpose of providing training for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds under various health professions and nursing programs included in titles VII and VIII of the Public Health Service Act (the Act).

The Department periodically publishes in the Federal Register low income levels used for grants and cooperative agreements to institutions providing training for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. A “low income level” is one of the factors taken into consideration to determine if an individual qualifies as a disadvantaged student for purposes of health professions and nursing programs.

The programs under the Act that use “low income levels” as one of the factors in determining disadvantaged backgrounds include the Health Careers Opportunity Program, section 740, the

Program of Financial Assistance for Disadvantaged Health Professions Students, section 740 (a)(2)(F), and Nursing Education Opportunities for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds, section 827. Loans to Disadvantaged Students, section 724, Scholarships for Health Professions Students from Disadvantaged Backgrounds, section 737, Disadvantaged Health Professions Faculty Loan Repayment and Fellowships Program, section 738 were added to title VII by the Disadvantaged Minority Health Improvement Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-527) and are also using the low income levels. Other factors used in determining “disadvantaged backgrounds” are included in individual program regulations and guidelines.

Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP), section 740

This program awards grants to accredited schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, public health, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, pharmacy, allied health, podiatric medicine, chiropractic and public or nonprofit private schools which offer graduate programs in clinical psychology, and other public or private nonprofit health or educational entities to assist individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds to enter and graduate from health professions schools.

Financial Assistance for Disadvantaged Health Professions Students (FADHPS), Section 740 (a)(2)(F)

This program awards grants to accredited schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, and dentistry to provide financial assistance to individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who are of exceptional financial need, to help pay for their health professions education. The provision of these scholarships shall be subject to section 795 relating to residency training and practice in primary health care.

Nursing Education Opportunities for Individuals From Disadvantaged Backgrounds, Section 827

This program awards grants to public and nonprofit private schools of nursing and other public or nonprofit private entities to meet costs of special projects to increase nursing education opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Loans to Disadvantaged Students, Section 724

This program makes awards to certain accredited schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, optometry, pharmacy, podiatric medicine, and veterinary medicine for financially needy students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Scholarships for Health Professions Students From Disadvantaged Backgrounds, Section 737

This program awards grants to schools of medicine, nursing, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, podiatric medicine, optometry, veterinary medicine, allied health, or public health, or schools that offer graduate programs in clinical psychology for the purpose of assisting such schools in providing scholarships to individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who enrolled (or are accepted for enrollment) as full-time students.

Disadvantaged Health Professions Faculty Loan Repayment and Fellowship Program, Section 738

This program awards grants to repay the health professions education loans of disadvantaged health professionals who have agreed to serve for at least 2 years as a faculty member of a school of medicine, nursing, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, podiatric medicine, optometry, veterinary medicine, public health, or a school that offers a graduate program in clinical psychology. Section 738 (a) allows loan repayment only for an individual who has not been a member of the faculty of any school at any time during the 18-month period preceding the date on which the Secretary receives the request of the individual for repayment contract (i.e., “new” faculty).

The following income figures were taken from low income levels published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, using an index adopted by a Federal Interagency Committee for use in a variety of Federal Programs. That index includes multiplication by a factor of 1.3 for adaptation to health professions and nursing programs which support training for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. The income figures have been updated to reflect increases in the Consumer Price Index through December 31, 1995.

| Size of parents family <sup>1</sup> | Income level <sup>2</sup> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 .....                             | \$10,200                  |
| 2 .....                             | 13,200                    |
| 3 .....                             | 15,700                    |

| Size of parents family <sup>1</sup> | Income level <sup>2</sup> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 4 .....                             | 20,200                    |
| 5 .....                             | 23,800                    |
| 6 or more .....                     | 26,700                    |

<sup>1</sup> Includes only dependents listed on Federal income tax forms.

<sup>2</sup> Rounded to the nearest \$100. Adjusted gross income for calendar year 1995.

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### The Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act of 1990; Availability of Funds for Early Intervention Services

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Availability of Funds for Grants To Provide Outpatient Early Intervention Services with Respect to HIV Disease.

**SUMMARY:** The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces that applications will be accepted for fiscal year (FY) 1996 discretionary grants to provide outpatient early intervention services including primary care services with respect to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) disease.

These grants are awarded under the provisions of subpart II and subpart III of part C of title XXVI of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, as amended by the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act of 1990, Public Law 101-381 (42 U.S.C. 300ff-51-300ff-67).

This program announcement is subject to the final action on the appropriation of funds. At this time, given the continuing resolutions and the absence of a final FY 1996 appropriation for Ryan White Title III(b) programs, the specific amount available is not known.

The PHS is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of Healthy People 2000, a PHS-led national activity for setting health priorities. This grant program is related to the objectives cited for special populations, particularly people with low income, minorities, and the disabled, which constitute a significant portion of the homeless population. Potential applicants may obtain a copy of *Healthy People 2000* (Full Report; Stock No. 017-001-00474-0) or *Healthy People 2000* (Summary Report; Stock No. 017-001-00473-1) through the Superintendent of

Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402-9325 (telephone 202 783-3238).

PHS strongly encourages all grant and contract recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the non-use of all tobacco products. In addition, Public Law 103-227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities (or in some cases, any portion of a facility) in which regular or routine education, library, day care, health care or early childhood development services are provided to children.

**DUE DATES:** Applications are due on June 1, 1996. Applications will be considered to have met the deadline if they are: (1) received on or before the deadline date; or (2) postmarked on or before the established deadline date and received in time for orderly processing. Applicants should request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks are not acceptable as proof of timely mailing. Applications received after the announced closing date will not be considered for funding.

**ADDRESSES:** Application kits (Form PHS 5161-1) with revised face sheet DHHS Form 424, as approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 0937-0189 may be obtained from, and completed applications should be mailed to, Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) Grants Management Officer (GMO), c/o Houston Associates, Inc., 1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 1200, Silver Spring, MD 20901 (telephone 1-800-523-2192; FAX 301-523-2193). The Office of Grants Management can provide assistance on business management issues. The BPHC Office of Grants Management is located at 4350 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814 (telephone 301-594-4235).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general program information and technical assistance, contact Joan Holloway, Director, Division of Programs for Special Populations, Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC), at 4350 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814 (telephone 301-594-4444).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Number of Awards

It is anticipated that should sufficient funds become available, approximately 50 competing grants may be awarded to organizations to provide early intervention services with respect to HIV. These grants may range from approximately \$100,000 to

approximately \$500,000 and be made for a maximum of three years. Continuation awards for any future years will be made subject to the availability of funds and satisfactory performance in past budget years toward meeting the goals and objectives of the project.

#### Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are public entities and nonprofit private entities that are: migrant health centers under Section 329 of the PHS Act; community health centers under Section 330 of the PHS Act; health care for the homeless grantees under Section 340 of the PHS Act; family planning grantees under Section 1001 of the PHS Act other than States; comprehensive hemophilia diagnostic and treatment centers; federally-qualified health centers under section 1905(1)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act; or public and private nonprofit entities that currently provide comprehensive primary care services to populations at risk of HIV disease.

Both existing Title III(b) grantees whose project periods end September 30, 1996 and new applicants that meet eligibility requirements may apply.

#### Project Requirements

Funding under this grant program is intended to increase the capacity and accessibility of the specified entities to offer a higher quality and a broader scope of HIV-related early intervention services to a greater number of people in their service areas with or at risk for HIV infection. The program must meet the conditions specified in the statute and provide the services specified in the statute (sections 2651, 2661 and 2662 of the Public Health Service Act). In addition, the program may provide certain optional services.

The required services to be provided under this grant are:

- Comprehensive individual counseling, including counseling of pregnant women, regarding HIV disease according to specific statutory mandates for the content and conduct of pretest counseling, counseling of those with negative test results, counseling of those with positive results, with attention to the appropriate setting for all counseling;

- Testing individuals with respect to HIV disease, in laboratories certified by the Clinical Laboratories Improvement Amendments, including tests to confirm the presence of the disease, tests to diagnose the extent of the deficiency in the immune system, and tests to provide information on appropriate therapeutic measures for preventing and treating the deterioration of the immune system and