

July 29, 1999 Medical Devices Advisory Committee meeting. Because the agency believes there is some urgency to bring these issues to public discussion and qualified members of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee were available at this time, the Commissioner concluded that it was in the public interest to hold this meeting even if there was not sufficient time for the customary 15-day public notice.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: July 29, 1999.

Linda A. Suydam,

Senior Associate Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration [HCFA-0359/0360/R-0055]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) Eligibility and Survey Forms and Information Collection Requirements in 42 CFR 485.56, 485.58, 485.60, 485.64, 485.66, 410.105; *Form No.:* HCFA-0359/0360/R-0055 (OMB #0938-0267); In order to participate in the Medicare program as a CORF,

providers must meet federal conditions of participation. The certification form is needed to determine if providers meet at least preliminary requirements. The survey form is used to record provider compliance with the individual conditions and report findings to HCFA.; *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Government; *Number of Respondents:* 540; *Total Annual Responses:* 540; *Total Annual Hours:* 260,848.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prduct95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address:

HCFA, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: Louis Blank, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: July 12, 1999.

John P. Burke III,

HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, HCFA Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Notice of a Cooperative Agreement With the University of Southern California AIDS Social Policy Archive

The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) announces that it will award a cooperative agreement to The University of Southern California AIDS Social Policy Archive (USC).

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to (1) assist USC in an expansion of training programs to help community-based organizations train, place, and support a cadre of HIV/AIDS peer treatment educators from racial and ethnic minority groups as a strategy to engage and retain more persons of color in high quality care and to evaluate the

effectiveness of this type of intervention; and (2) establish a Center for Peer HIV/AIDS Treatment Educators in order to support the training and development of knowledgeable peer educators to work within minority communities on treatment education, to increase the awareness, acceptance and appropriate utilization of effective new therapies by HIV positive persons. This project is an essential part of HAB's response to address HIV/AIDS among racial and ethnic minority populations as a part of the Congressional Black Caucus Initiative. HRSA's role in the cooperative agreement will include providing consultation and technical assistance in planning, operating, and evaluating program activities; facilitating collaboration with Ryan White grantees and other HIV national and community organizations to reach the target population; facilitating efforts in the provision of technical assistance and training to specified individuals and organizations; participating, as appropriate, in planning and producing any conferences, meetings, or workgroups conducted during the period of the cooperative agreement; and maintaining an ongoing dialogue with the applicant concerning program plans, policies, and other issues which may have major implications for any activities undertaken by the applicant under the Cooperative Agreement.

Authorizing Legislation

An award will be made under the program authority of Section 2692 (a) of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 300ff-11.

Background

Assistance will only be provided to USC. No other applications are solicited, nor will they be accepted. This organization is the only qualified entity to administer this cooperative agreement because:

1. The University of Southern California AIDS Social Policy Archive is the only entity that has designed a university-based peer treatment educator training program that will create a cadre of highly-trained HIV/AIDS peer treatment educators for the purpose of increasing the numbers of HIV infected African Americans entering and remaining in health care, adhering to treatment regimes, and advocating for their own health care needs.

2. This organization and its staff are established leaders in developing and promoting national and local HIV-related treatment education and policy campaigns aimed at reducing the impact

of HIV in minority populations and improving health outcomes.

3. This organization has developed a base of critical knowledge, skills, and abilities related to HIV treatment and barriers to accessing and adhering to prescribed treatments.

4. This organization has nationally recognized experts in HIV treatments (FDA approved and experimental), process and outcome evaluation, and curriculum development as core resources to support the project through out the project period.

5. This organization has demonstrated the ability to work with minority and non-minority entities, the Federal Government, academic institutions, and health groups on mutually beneficial education, research, and health endeavors related to the goal of health promotion and disease prevention among racial and ethnic minority populations; the national leadership necessary to focus the Nation's attention on minority-related health issues; and the leadership needed to organize health care professionals to work with and train racial/ethnic minority treatment educators and advocates.

Up to \$2,000,000 is available in fiscal year (FY) 1999 for a 12-month budget period with a project period of 3 years. Continuation awards within the project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress and the availability of funds.

Where to Obtain Additional Information

Additional information may be obtained from Ms. Brenda Woods-Francis, HIV/AIDS Bureau, HRSA, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 7-29, Rockville, MD 20857 or telephone (301) 443-0415.

Dated: July 14, 1999.

Claude Earl Fox,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Targeted Provider Education Demonstration Grants

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds.

SUMMARY: The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces the availability of funds for fiscal year 1999 for discretionary grants

supporting Targeted Provider Education Demonstration (TPED) Grants. These demonstration grants will provide treatment education and training to health care and support service providers who deliver Ryan White CARE Act services.

The TPED Grants will serve as an adjunct to existing HRSA HIV training initiatives which focus on providing training to primary care providers on Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) treatment guidelines including the "DHHS Guidelines on the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in HIV infected Adults and Adolescents" and the "Guidelines for the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in Pediatric HIV Infection". The existing HIV training initiatives include: regional AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETC), the National AIDS Education and Training Centers Resource Center; and the National Minority AIDS and Education and Training Center.

The proposed demonstration grants will target HIV/AIDS providers such as case managers, peer counselors, mental health professionals, substance abuse providers, prison health and discharge providers, outreach workers, treatment educators, etc. who are not targeted to receive training through the other HRSA Ryan White Care Act training initiatives. Training topics supported under this grant announcement focus on areas required to support the delivery of quality health and social service support services through Ryan White CARE Act programs. Grantees will be expected to coordinate and work cooperatively with the AETCs and other HRSA training initiatives.

Successful grant applicants will propose to deliver innovative education and training programs tailored to the assessed training needs of the targeted populations. The proposed geographical area will be a region, state(s) or other large geographic area(s) defined by the applicant. The selected geographic area(s) should include areas with a demonstrable need for training providers that serve large minority and other underserved populations. The core components of the program will include a needs assessment, comprehensive evaluation component, and a time-framed implementation plan for education and training program activities.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are public and nonprofit entities and schools and academic health science centers. In addition, the applicant should have a demonstrable track record in (1) designing and implementing training or

educational programs, serving minority populations, and assessing HIV/AIDS service provider training needs; (2) be located within the training catchment area defined by the applicant; and (3) possess the capacity to use multifaceted strategies to outreach to minority providers and provide HIV/AIDS training.

Availability of Funds

Up to \$3.3 million dollars are available in FY 1999 to fund 5-10 awards. Funding will be allocated according to the number of grants awarded. It is expected that the awards will be made on or about September 30, 1999. Funding will be made available for 12-months, with a project period for up to three years. Continuation awards within the approved project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress and the availability of funds.

Authorization

Section 2692 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 300ff-11.

Funding Priorities and/or Preferences

Funding priority will be given to proposals that propose to provide innovative education and training to targeted providers serving racial/ethnic minority communities highly impacted by HIV/AIDS. Geographical area and uniform national distribution of TPED programs will be considered in final funding decisions.

DATES: In order to be considered for competition, applications for these announced grants must be received at the HRSA Grants Application Center by the close of business 45 days following the date of this announcement. Applications shall be considered as meeting the deadline if they are: (1) Received on or before the deadline date, or (2) postmarked on or before the deadline date and received in time for orderly processing and submission to the review committee. Applicants should request a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or U.S. Postal Service postmark. Private metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing. Applications received after the deadline will be returned to the applicant and not reviewed.

ADDRESSES: All applications should be mailed or delivered to: Grants Management Officer, HRSA Grants Application Center, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 4-91, Rockville, MD 20857. Grant applications sent to any address other than that above are subject to being returned. **Federal Register** notices and application guidance for the HIV/AIDS Bureau programs are available on the