DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Notice of Single-Award Deviation From Competition Requirements for the National Center for Medical Home Implementation Cooperative Agreement

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of Single-Award Deviation from Competition Requirements for the National Center for Medical Home Implementation Cooperative Agreement.

SUMMARY: HRSA announces the award of a supplement in the amount of $300,000 per year for two years for the National Center for Medical Home Implementation (NCMHI) Cooperative Agreement cooperative agreement. The purpose of the NCMHI cooperative agreement, as stated in the funding opportunity announcement, is to: (1) Support a national resource and assistance effort to implement and spread the medical home model to all children and youth, particularly children with special health care needs (CHSHCN), children who are vulnerable and/or medically underserved, and pediatric populations served by state public health programs, MCHB and HRSA; and (2) support activities of the Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program (HTPCP) grantees to improve children’s health through innovative community-based efforts, and community and statewide partnerships among professionals in health, education, social services, government, and business. The supplement will permit the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the cooperative agreement awardee, during the budget periods of 7/1/2016–6/30/2017 and 7/1/2017–6/30/2018, to provide technical assistance to the Rural IMPACT project communities as they employ two-generation strategies to more effectively support children living in poverty in rural communities, including the implementation and spread of the family-centered medical home model of health care.


Amount of Non-Competitive Awards: $600,000.


CPDA Number: 93.110.

Authority: Social Security Act, Title V, sections 501(a)(1)(D) and 501(a)(2); 42 U.S.C. 701(a)(1)(D) and 701(a)(2).

Justification: The White House Rural Council initiated the Rural IMPACT project to support improved well-being and upward economic mobility of children in rural and tribal communities. Ideally, systems and services are designed to meet family’s needs, and are linked together so that families can access them seamlessly through universal “no wrong door” intake processes and shared referral networks. Components of the Rural IMPACT project include Healthy Start, Early Head Start, Head Start, Home Visiting, WIC, Medical Home, Quality Child Care Education Job Training and income and nutrition supports such as TANF cash assistance, Supplemental Security Income, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. The goal of Rural IMPACT is to ensure the healthy development of at-risk children and increase the education and employment opportunities of their parents, thereby improving the well-being of families.

Rural IMPACT project continues to be a high priority of the White House Rural Council, and support for the ten Rural IMPACT communities will continue to be an interagency effort including, in addition to HHS, the Departments of Agriculture, Education, Labor, and the Corporation for National and Community Service.

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In 2013, following objective review of its application, HRSA awarded the NCMHI cooperative agreement to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3). In 2015, HRSA awarded a $300,000 supplement to the NCMHI cooperative agreement to allow the AAP to build on its existing work under the cooperative agreement to implement and spread the medical home model in Rural IMPACT project communities, thereby advancing the well-being of children in those communities.

From August 2015 to June 2016, AAP, as part of the NCMHI cooperative agreement, established an expert workgroup and operational structure to guide the initiative; developed and issued a solicitation and scoring process, and conducted a review of applications to make recommendations for participating communities. Since the identification of ten rural and tribal communities, the AAP has provided technical assistance to support their efforts to develop and begin implementing two-generation service delivery models to address the needs of both vulnerable children and their parents.

From July 2016 to June 2018, the ten participating communities will implement their action plans. Ongoing support is needed to assist the communities in implementation as well as evaluation, sustainability, and dissemination of information. This supplement will provide additional funds, through the NCMHI cooperative agreement, to provide technical assistance to the Rural IMPACT communities as they employ two-generation strategies to more effectively support children living in poverty in rural communities, including the implementation and spread of the family-centered medical home model of health care.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Notice of Availability: Test Tools and Test Procedures Approved by the National Coordinator for the ONC Health IT Certification Program

AGENCY: Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of test procedures and the Cypress version 3.0 test tool approved by the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (the National Coordinator) for the testing of Health IT Modules to four 2015 Edition health information technology (health IT) certification criteria under the ONC Health IT Certification Program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alicia Morton, Director, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, 202–690–7151.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ONC Health IT Certification Program (“Program”) was first established as the Temporary Certification Program in a final rule published on June 24, 2010 (“Temporary Certification Program final rule” (75 FR 36158)). It was later transitioned to the Permanent Certification Program in a final rule published on January 7, 2011 (“Permanent Certification Program final rule” (76 FR 1262)). The Permanent Certification Program was renamed the ONC HIT Certification Program in a final rule published on September 4, 2012 (77 FR 54163) (“2014 Edition final rule”), and subsequently renamed the ONC Health IT Certification Program in a final rule published on October 16, 2015 (80 FR 62601) (“2015 Edition final rule”). In the preamble of the Permanent Certification Program final rule, we stated that when the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (National Coordinator) has approved test tools and test procedures for certification criteria adopted by the Secretary, that ONC would publish a notice of availability in the Federal Register and identify the approved test tools and test procedures on the ONC Web site.

In the 2015 Edition final rule, the Secretary adopted additional and revised certification criteria (80 FR 62601) and on February 4, 2016, the National Coordinator approved test tools and test procedures for testing Health IT Modules for the majority of the 2015 Edition certification criteria under the ONC Health IT Certification Program. ONC then published the “Notice of Availability: 2015 Edition Test Tools and Test Procedures Approved by the National Coordinator for the ONC Health IT Certification Program” in the Federal Register (81 FR 6022). However, that publication of approved test tools and test procedures did not include the 2015 Edition certification criteria specifically related to electronic clinical quality measurement (eCQM) in order to allow for alignment of those testing tools and test procedures with the timing of the CMS annual update of the eCQM specifications.

The National Coordinator has recently approved the test tools and test procedures for testing Health IT modules for four 2015 Edition certification criteria related to clinical quality measurement. The approved test tools and test procedures for the 2015 Edition “Clinical Quality Measures—record and export” certification criterion (§ 170.315(c)(1)), “Clinical Quality Measures—import and calculate” certification criterion (§ 170.315(c)(2)), “Clinical Quality Measures—report” certification criterion (§ 170.315(c)(3)), and the “Clinical Quality Measures—filter” certification criterion (§ 170.315(c)(4)) are identified on the ONC Web site at: https://www.healthit.gov/policy-researchers-implementers/2015-edition-test-method. The test tools and test procedures that were previously approved by the National Coordinator (81 FR 6022) for the 2015 Edition certification criteria are also available for review at the Web site listed above.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 300jj–11.

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National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 552(b)(4) and 552(b)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Initial Review Group; Function, Integration, and Rehabilitation Sciences Subcommittee.

Date: October 14, 2016.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Residence Inn Bethesda, 7335 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Joanna Kubler-Kielb, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH, 6710B Rockledge Drive, Room 2127D, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–6916, kieljb@mail.nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.864, Population Research; 93.865, Research for Mothers and Children; 93.929, Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research; 93.209, Contraception and Infertility Loan Repayment Program, National Institutes of Health, HHS)