

Advisory Council may also be called upon to inform the work of, and collaborate with, the newly established Grandfamilies and Kinship Support Network: A National Technical Assistance Center.

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**Nomination Process:** Any person or organization may nominate one or more qualified individuals for membership. Current Advisory Council members whose terms are expiring may also submit a nomination for consideration. Nomination packages must include:

(1) A nomination letter not to exceed one (1) page that provides ALL the following information:

- a. The reason(s) for nominating the individual;
- b. The constituency being represented:
  - i. A grandparent raising a grandchild; or
  - ii. An older relative caregiver of children;
  - iii. A grandparent or older relative caregiver whose family has been impacted by opioid misuse; or

iv. A grandparent or older relative caregiver who is a member of Native American tribe; or

v. Another expert and/or advocate engaged in programs, services, and supports to kinship families and grandfamilies.

c. The nominee's particular, relevant experience and/or professional expertise;

d. Contact information for the nominee (name, title (if applicable), address, phone, and email address); and

e. The nominee's resume (not to exceed two (2) pages) if the nomination is based on their professional capacity or qualifications. A resume is optional otherwise.

Nominees will be selected for appointment based on their demonstrated knowledge, qualifications, and professional or personal experience related to the purpose and scope of the Advisory Council.

(2) Members will be appointed for a period not to exceed three years. Members appointed to fill subsequent vacancies will serve for the remainder of the current term of the Advisory Council.

Dated: March 4, 2022.

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Administration for Community Living.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Community Living

#### Solicitation for Nominations To Serve on the Family Caregiving Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Administration for Community Living, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Principal Deputy Administrator of the Administration for Community Living (ACL) seeks nominations for individuals to serve on the Family Caregiving Advisory Council.

**DATES:** Nominations must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m., Eastern on April 11, 2022 to be considered for appointment.

**ADDRESSES:** *Method of Submission:* Nominations, including all requested information (see Nomination Process below) and attachments, must be submitted electronically to: [RAISE.mail@acl.hhs.gov](mailto:RAISE.mail@acl.hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Family Caregiving Advisory Council

(the Advisory Council) is authorized under Section 4 of the Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage Family Caregivers Act of 2017 (Pub. L. 115-119), commonly referred to as the "RAISE Family Caregivers Act." The Advisory Council studies and prepares findings, conclusions, and makes recommendations to the Administrator of ACL/Assistant Secretary for Aging on matters pertaining to: (a) Evidence-based or promising practices and innovative models for the provision of care by family caregivers or support for family caregivers; and (b) Improving coordination across federal government programs. The Advisory Council advises and provides recommendations to the Administrator on recognizing and supporting family caregivers. The Advisory Council consists of at least three ex officio federal members: The Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (or the Administrator's designee); the Administrator of the Administration for Community Living (or the Administrator's designee who has experience with both aging and disability); and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (or the Secretary's designee). Heads of other federal departments or agencies (or their designees) also may be appointed as ex officio members. In addition, the ACL Administrator will appoint a maximum of fifteen non-federal voting members, with at least one from each of the following constituencies: Family caregivers; older adults who need long-term services and supports; individuals with disabilities; health care and social service providers; providers of long-term services and supports; employers; paraprofessional workers; state and local officials; accreditation bodies; veterans; and as appropriate, other experts and advocates engaged in family caregiving.

Additionally, in keeping with the Biden administration's commitment to equity and inclusion, voting members selected to serve on the Advisory Council will reflect the diversity of family caregivers and those persons receiving services and supports. Nominations are sought from individuals representing the aging and disability communities, tribes, racial and ethnically diverse communities, LGBTQ, and other underrepresented or underserved populations.

**Advisory Council Responsibilities:** The Advisory Council's efforts will build on the accomplishments of the previous council, whose term expires in August 2022. In this regard, the Advisory Council will support the information gathering for, and preparation of, biennial updates to the

initial Report to Congress, including new developments, challenges, opportunities, and solutions to better recognize and support family caregivers along with recommendations for priority actions to update, improve, and keep current the National Family Caregiving Strategy, as appropriate.

The Advisory Council will submit an annual report on the development, maintenance, and updating of the National Family Caregiving Strategy. The report will include a description of the implementation of the actions recommended in the initial report, as appropriate. This report will be provided to the Secretary, Congress, and the state agencies responsible for carrying out family caregiver programs.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Resources and Services Administration

#### **“Low Income Levels” Used for Various Health Professions and Nursing Programs Authorized in Titles III, VII, and VIII of the Public Health Service Act**

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** HRSA is updating income levels used to identify a “low-income family” for the purpose of determining eligibility for programs that provide health professions and nursing training to individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. These various programs are authorized in Titles III, VII, and VIII of the Public Health Service Act. HHS periodically publishes in the **Federal Register** low-income levels to be used by institutions receiving grants or cooperative agreement awards to

determine eligibility for programs providing training for (1) disadvantaged individuals, (2) individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, or (3) individuals from low-income families.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Many health professions and nursing grant and cooperative agreement awardees use the low-income levels to determine whether potential program participants are from economically disadvantaged backgrounds and would be eligible to participate in the program, as well as to determine the amount of funding individuals receive. Awards are generally made to accredited schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, public health, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, pharmacy, allied health, podiatric medicine, nursing, and chiropractic; public or private nonprofit schools which offer graduate programs in behavioral health and mental health practice; and other public or private nonprofit health or educational entities to assist individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds and disadvantaged students to enter and graduate from health professions and nursing schools. Some programs provide for the repayment of health professions or nursing education loans for students from disadvantaged backgrounds and disadvantaged students.

A “low-income family/household” for programs included in Titles III, VII, and VIII of the Public Health Service Act is defined as having an annual income that does not exceed 200 percent of HHS's poverty guidelines. A family is a group of two or more individuals related by birth, marriage, or adoption who live together.

Most HRSA programs use the income of a student's parent(s) to compute low income status. However, a “household” may potentially be only one person. Other HRSA programs, depending upon the legislative intent of the program, the programmatic purpose related to income level, as well as the age and circumstances of the participant, will apply these low income standards to the individual student to determine eligibility, as long as the individual is not listed as a dependent on the tax form of their parent(s). Each program includes the rationale and methodology for determining low income levels in program funding opportunities or applications.

Low-income levels are adjusted annually based on HHS's poverty guidelines. HHS's poverty guidelines are based on poverty thresholds published by the U.S. Census Bureau, adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index. The income