

TABLE 1—RECIPIENT AND AWARD AMOUNT

Grant No.	Award recipient name	City, state	Award amount
U14RH19776	National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health, Inc	Sterling Heights, MI	\$345,000

Justification: This funding will provide a one-time supplement to the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health, Inc. to expand technical assistance, capacity-building, and coordination activities for SORHs and rural stakeholders nationwide. The supplemental funding will support activities aligned with the goals of the cooperative agreement, including training, capital-related technical assistance, and planning and communications activities linked to national rural health priorities. This supplemental funding will allow the recipient to respond to emerging needs, strengthen support for SORH capacity and coordination, and advance activities that help rural stakeholders better access resources, share promising

practices, and support rural health care delivery systems.

Thomas J. Engels,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Notice of Supplemental Funding, Rural Quality Improvement Technical Assistance Program

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

ACTION: Notice of supplemental funding.

SUMMARY: HRSA is awarding supplemental funding under the Rural Quality Improvement Technical Assistance Program to one award

recipient in fiscal year 2026 to advance efforts to improve health care and quality of care in rural areas by supporting quality measure implementation, data reporting, and the use of data to drive improvements in quality of care.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sheena Johnson, Deputy Division Director, Hospital State Division, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, HRSA, at sjohnson@hrsa.gov and 872–271–6370.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Intended Recipient(s) of the Award: Telligen, Inc.

Amount of Non-Competitive Award: One award for \$260,000.

Project Period: September 1, 2026, to August 31, 2027.

Assistance Listing Number: 93.241.

Award Instrument: Cooperative Agreement.

Authority: Section 711(b)(5) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 912(b)(5)).

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Grant No.	Award recipient name	City, state	Award amount
U1RRH49251	Telligen, Inc	West Des Moines, IA	\$260,000

Justification: This funding will provide a one-time supplement to Telligen, Inc. to provide additional technical assistance to Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program beneficiaries, Critical Access Hospitals, and Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Program (SHCPQIP) to support quality measure implementation, data reporting, and drive quality improvement activities. Additionally, the grant recipient will use funding to build on past and ongoing technical assistance provided to SHCPQIP recipients, supporting quality improvement efforts across levels of the health care system in rural communities by (1) preparing rural health care providers to develop sustained quality improvement strategies within their organizations, (2) strengthening organizational capacity for collecting and analyzing data, (3) using technology tools for building efficiencies and, (4) building financial sustainability by training workforce and building systems around billing and coding and other

reimbursement strategies. The award will provide the Rural Quality Improvement Technical Assistance Program the resources to refine, enhance, and strengthen technical assistance delivery across the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program, Critical Access Hospitals, and SHCPQIP participants.

Thomas J. Engels,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

[Docket No. HHS–OASH–2026–16399]

Solicitation of Nominations for Membership on the National Vaccine Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy, Office of

the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice; solicitation of nominations for appointment to the National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC); extension of solicitation period for nominations for appointment to the National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC).

SUMMARY: The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) is extending the solicitation period for nominations for appointment to the National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC) that appeared in the **Federal Register** of August 12, 2026. All nominations received will be provided to the Assistant Secretary for Health for consideration and appointment. We are taking this action in response to a request for an extension to allow interested persons additional time to provide nominations.

DATES: Nominations for membership on the NVAC must be received no later than thirty days from publication of this

extension. Packages received after this time will not be considered for the current membership cycle.

ADDRESSES: All nominations should be emailed in one email to oidp@hhs.gov with the subject line “NVAC Application 2026.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Acting Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20201.

Email: oidp@hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the *Federal Register* of August 12, 2026, we published a solicitation for nominations entitled “Solicitation of Nominations for Membership on the National Vaccine Advisory Committee” with an open solicitation that closed on September 11, 2026. This announcement was to solicit nominations of qualified candidates to fill vacancies on the NVAC.

OASH has received a request for an extension of the solicitation period to allow any interested persons additional time to submit nominations to fill vacancies on the NVAC. OASH has considered the request and is granting the extension of the solicitation period. OASH believes that this extension allows adequate time for any interested persons to fully consider and submit nominations.

Sarah McClelland,

Health advisor, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Request for Information on Electromagnetic Fields (EMFs), Radiofrequency (RF) Radiation, and Wireless Radiation Exposure

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS or the Department).

ACTION: Notice of Request for Information (RFI) on electromagnetic field (EMF) exposure and human health.

SUMMARY: Consistent with the Department of Health and Human Services’ emphasis on evaluating environmental factors that may affect human health, particularly among children and other potentially vulnerable populations, HHS seeks information on electromagnetic field

(EMF) emissions and exposure, particularly RF and wireless, and human health. RF radiation and other forms of non-ionizing electromagnetic (EMF) exposure, will hereafter be referred to as “RF/EMF.” Responses will help identify and assess the current state of the scientific evidence on RF/EMF exposures and health outcomes, compare existing domestic and international safety standards and regulatory approaches, identify research gaps and priority areas for future study, and inform practical, evidence-based recommendations for policymakers, public health stakeholders, families, schools, and communities. HHS welcomes input from researchers, clinicians, public health professionals, industry, standards organizations, educators, advocacy groups, and members of the public to clearly distinguish established evidence from emerging findings and areas of uncertainty, and supports transparent, science-informed decision-making.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received no later than October 21, 2026.

ADDRESSES: *RFI Docket:* You may examine the RFI docket at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under HHS–OASH–2026–0397. The docket contains this RFI and all comments received to date. To submit a response, click the “Comment” button inside Docket: HHS–OASH–2026–0397 and follow all instructions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Victoria Marshall, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, *OASH-RFI@hhs.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electromagnetic fields (EMFs) are energy fields produced by moving electrically charged particles and electrical currents. EMFs occur across a broad range of frequencies, including low radiofrequency (RF) associated with power systems and household appliances, as well as higher RF and microwave exposures associated with wireless communication technologies. HHS is conducting this request for information under 21 CFR subpart J.

Public concern about potential health effects from RF/EMF exposure has increased, particularly in relation to children, schools, and long-term cumulative exposure. At the same time, scientific literature is extensive, technically complex, and not always easy for policymakers or public health stakeholders to interpret. Exposure standards and regulatory approaches also vary across jurisdictions. HHS is interested in clear, balanced, and evidence-informed information about RF/EMF exposure that can support

decision-making, identify research priorities, and inform practical strategies to reduce unnecessary exposure where appropriate.

Request for Information

For this RFI, HHS is seeking input from the public, including individuals, families, caregivers, healthcare professionals, public health practitioners, researchers, organizations, equipment or product manufacturers, service or infrastructure providers, and other interested stakeholders that have knowledge of or experience with RF/EMF emission and exposure. Please identify whether your response is based on peer-reviewed research, government reports, industry data, clinical observations, or other sources. If you rely on existing exposure guidelines, regulatory frameworks, or scientific assessments, please identify the specific framework(s) and explain how they inform your response. Respondents are encouraged to include supporting facts, research, datasets, technical reports, and other evidence in their comments, including citations to the published materials referenced, and active hyperlinks, where available.

Instructions

1. Responses submitted at [regulations.gov/deregulation](https://www.regulations.gov/deregulation) should follow the format provided there. You may respond to one or more of the questions listed below and please include question numbers provided in the response. Each responding entity (person or organization) should submit only one response. Unless submitted anonymously, responses should include the name(s) of the person(s) or organization(s) submitting the comment. If a comment is submitted on behalf of an organization, the individual respondent’s role in the organization may also be provided. In your response, please describe which perspective(s) your comments represent: individual consumer, patient, family member, or caregiver; healthcare professional; equipment or product manufacturer; service or infrastructure provider; business; industry group; government; research entity; or another type of organization or perspective.

This RFI is voluntary, and responses may be submitted anonymously. Please do not submit proprietary, classified, confidential, or sensitive information, to include personally identifiable (PII) or personal health information (PHI), in response to this RFI.

This RFI should not be construed as a policy, solicitation for applications, or as an obligation on the part of the government to provide support for any