



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

**Health Resources and Services Administration**

Program Expansion for the National Center for Medical Home Implementation Cooperative Agreement at the American Academy of Pediatrics

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Single-Case Deviation from Competition Requirement for Program Expansion for the National Center for Medical Home Implementation Cooperative Agreement at the American Academy of Pediatrics, Grant Number U43MC09134.

**SUMMARY:** HRSA announces its intent to award a program expansion supplement in the amount of \$300,000 for the National Center for Medical Home Implementation (NCMHI) cooperative agreement. The purpose of the NCMHI cooperative agreement, as stated in the funding opportunity announcement, is to: 1) support a national resource and technical assistance effort to implement and spread the medical home model to all children and youth, particularly children with special health care needs (CSHCN), 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 purpose of this notice is to award supplemental funds to develop the Rural IMPACT project to support activities related to child health in rural and underserved communities by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the cooperative agreement awardee who serves as the NCMHI, during the budget period of July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016. The NCMHI is authorized by the Social Security Act, Title V, Sections 501(a)(1)(D) and 501(a)(2)), (42 U.S.C. 701).

The NCHMI is a national resource to implement and spread the medical home model to all children and youth, particularly children with special health care needs and children who are vulnerable and/or medically underserved. The NCMHI supports activities of the Health Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program 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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Intended Recipient of the Award: The American Academy of Pediatrics

Amount of the Non-Competitive Award: \$300,000

CFDA Number: 93.110

Current Project Period: July 01, 2008 – June 30, 2018

Period of Supplemental Funding: July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

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

**JUSTIFICATION:** The White House Rural Council is leading a Rural Child Poverty Initiative, the Rural IMPACT Project, to support improved well-being and upward economic mobility of children in rural and tribal communities. In collaboration with the White House Rural Council, HRSA, and the Administration for Children and Families, each using its own authority, used fiscal year (FY) 2015 funds to support a cohort of 10 rural and Tribal communities to provide two-generation, bundled services to children and families in need. Utilizing the two-generation approach, the communities will promote problem solving at the community level by encouraging pediatric clinicians' participation and public-private partnership, such as the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Initiative, Project Launch, and private sector support for improved collaboration and coordination of and access to mental, oral, and physical health and non-clinical resources (e.g. home visiting, early care and education settings such as child care and Head Start, early intervention, child welfare, education) at the community level for children, youth, and their families.

In 2013, following objective review of its application, HRSA awarded to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) cooperative agreement funding for the NCMHI. If approved, this would be the first project expansion supplement for this project.

Through the NCMHI, the AAP is working to link key state and community programs, such as Title V, school-based health centers, Head Start, and Early Intervention, which are critical, natural access points for building and strengthening integrated service delivery systems for

women, children, and their families. Working with the Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program grantees and the AAP Council on Community Pediatrics Rural Health Special Interest Group, the NCMHI supports activities that promote access to quality, patient/family-centered and culturally effective services for children, youth and their families, particularly in rural and underserved communities.

The proposed Rural IMPACT Project activities align with the current project plan, as the NCMHI advances system changes and new initiatives at the community, state, and national levels, building on community partnerships to support family-centered medical home implementation for all children and youth, particularly those underrepresented and from diverse communities (Goal 3). The AAP, working with MCHB, would establish an expert workgroup and operational structure to guide the initiative; develop and issue a solicitation and scoring process and conduct a review of applications to make recommendations for participating communities; develop a quality improvement package; identify systems-level measures to monitor process and progress of individual communities and the initiative as a whole, and provide structured technical assistance to the selected communities.

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Grantee/Organization Name	Grant Number	State	FY 2015 Authorized Funding Level	FY 2015 Estimated Supplemental Funding
<i>The American Academy of Pediatrics</i>	U43MC09134	IL	\$800,031	\$300,000

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James Macrae

Acting Administrator

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