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The Federal Budget Update

During the past week, Congress approved legislation that would suspend the debt limit through May 18, 2013, thus taking the debt limit off the table for the current discussions about reducing the federal deficit through additional spending reductions. This legislation also ties congressional pay to the completion of a budget plan by suspending salaries of the members of the House or Senate if either chamber does not adopt a resolution by Apr. 15, 2013. Unfortunately, this legislation does not repeal, replace or delay sequestration scheduled to occur on Mar. 1, 2013 or funding the federal government through the remainder of the fiscal year. As the federal budgeting process moves forward, below are some key dates to keep in mind. All of these events will have a profound impact on spending:

Mar. 1: Sequestration

Mar. 27: Expiration of the continuing resolution

End of March or Early April: Release of President Obama's FY14 budget request

Apr. 15: Budget resolution

May 19: Debt ceiling will need to be raised

Sequestration

In the past couple of weeks, Congress has largely remained silent about efforts to avoid sequestration scheduled to occur on Mar. 1, 2013. Based on estimates by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, non-defense discretionary accounts would be cut by **5.1 percent** compared to the 8.2 percent under the original sequestration. For the Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Services Block Grant, sequester will result in a cut of \$32 million for fiscal year 2013. It is important to note that states would have to absorb this cut during the

second half of the fiscal year which would substantially impact their ability to provide needed supports and programs to vulnerable populations. However, according to an article in *CQ Healthbeat*, the Office of Management and Budget could, "Soften the blow of the spending cuts by using a process called apportionment to delay them until later in the year." Additionally, the expiring continuing resolution may prove to be an opportunity to address sequestration. Recognizing the complex nature of sequestration, AMCHP encourages our members to discuss any technical questions with project officers. We will continue to monitor developments at the federal level and translate our understanding of the current law.



AMCHP continues to work with the broader community articulating the impact sequestration will have on maternal and child health programs and urge Congress to address the deficit through a balanced approach.

Budget Resolution

Incoming Budget Committee Chair Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) recently released a memo to her colleagues outlining the work Congress completed during the past two years to reduce the deficit by \$2.4 trillion and that moving forward in order to address the deficit it needs to be through a balanced approach via spending cuts and new revenue. The Senate budget committee, along with the House Budget committee, is tasked with developing a budget resolution every year which provides a blueprint of spending priorities for the next year. The budget resolution may provide instructions to the relevant committees to find savings in various federal programs while at the same time it could reduce the overall amount of funding available for discretionary programs. The development of the budget resolution will begin in earnest during the spring.

President's Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Proposal

The latest rumors in Washington, DC state that President Obama's fiscal year 2014 budget proposal will not be released until late March or early April due to uncertainty about the fiscal year 2013 budget. This means that the fiscal year 2014 budget process will be condensed into a couple of weeks this spring when Congress begins deliberations and develops the fiscal year 2014 appropriations bills.

Health Reform Implementation

Are You a Beta Tester? Of Course You Are.

On Jan. 28, the [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](#) (CMS) put out a request seeking public input on a single, streamlined, application for insurance on the [health insurance marketplace](#) (formerly health insurance exchange). The application will be put into use this fall when open enrollment begins. The individual application "is a single point of entry to purchase private insurance on the marketplace and assess eligibility for assistance including, Medicaid, CHIP, and the Advanced Payment of Tax Credits." CMS created [two videos](#) of the application as a demonstration for reviewers. The applicable form for Individual, Medicaid and CHIP programs can be found [here](#).

CMS Announces 2013 Children's Core Set of Health Care Quality Measures

On Jan. 24, CMS sent a [letter](#) to State Health Officials and State Medicaid Directors announcing the core set of pediatric quality measures for voluntary use by State Medicaid and CHIP programs. Forty-eight states and the District of Columbia voluntarily reported on at least one or more of the FY 2011 indicators. In adherence to federal law, this letter "provides an overview of the steps undertaken to improve the Initial Children's Core Set, identifies changes to the Initial Children's Core Set, and presents the timing for the implementation of the 2013 Children's Core Set." The letter also outlines the process for determining new indicators to add and others to drop from the set. The CHIPRA legislation requires that improvements to the initial core set of children's health care quality measures be issued annually beginning in January 2013.

Back-to-Back Kaiser Family Foundation Reports

On Jan. 24, Kaiser released "[The Public's Policy Agenda for the 113th Congress](#)" The report highlights public opinion on priorities for, and views on, a wide range of health and health policy issues.

On Jan. 23, KFF [Medicaid and CHIP report](#) provided insights on states' progress toward implementation of the major portions of the Affordable Care Act, and that "many states are moving into high gear to prepare for implementation of the major provisions of the law, including a new streamlined Medicaid enrollment system and, at states' option, the expansion of Medicaid. Nearly all states are pressing forward with information technology and process improvements to develop faster, streamlined Medicaid enrollment systems as required under the ACA, whether or not the state elects to expand Medicaid coverage under the law."

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AMCHP February Board Meeting

All members are invited to attend the AMCHP Board meeting, which will be held during our Annual Conference, on Saturday, Feb. 9, beginning at 7:30 a.m. EST. The meeting will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. Members who will be attending should RSVP to Nora Lam or call (202) 775-0436.

AMCHP Business Meeting

All members are invited to attend the AMCHP Business Meeting, which will be held during our Annual Conference, on Tuesday, Feb. 12, beginning at 7:45 a.m. EST. The meeting will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in the Palladian Room.

AMCHP Board Elections Closing Soon

AMCHP delegates are entitled to participate in the 2013 AMCHP Board of Directors election. Participation will ensure that you are part of selecting AMCHP's next cohort of leaders. To view the list of Board candidates please visit the AMCHP 2013 Board of Directors election Web page [here](#). Voting closes at 5 p.m. EST on Friday, Feb. 8 to ensure that the results are tabulated in time to

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share at the 2013 AMCHP Conference. Delegates, watch your e-mail for a link to the voting! If you have any questions about the election or how to vote, please contact [Julio Arguello](#), Online Media & Information Technology Manager. If you have questions about your membership eligibility, please contact [Laura Goodwin](#), Publications and Member Services Manager.

AMCHP 2013 Starts Saturday – It's Not Too Late to Register!

The AMCHP 2013 Annual Conference is just a few days away, Feb. 9-12, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. Register today to be a part of the largest gathering of MCH professional nationwide! To register, visit regonline.com/amchp2013.

NACCHO Requests Input for Preconception Health and Health Care Website

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) is looking for public health professionals to provide feedback on a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) preconception health and health care website. NACCHO is requesting feedback from public health workers who promote and assure access to preconception health (e.g., educators, managers, physicians, and nurses) at the state, local, or community level. This feedback will help improve ease of use and navigation for the site. The 45-minute evaluation sessions will take place Feb. 12-15, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. EST. To get involved, [click here](#).

February MCH EPI Grand Rounds: Multiple Births and Risks Associated with Assisted Reproductive Technology in the United States

Multiple births pose significant risks to mothers and infants. Because multiple embryos are often transferred in Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) procedures, risks for multiple gestation pregnancies and multiple births are high. ART surveillance at CDC began in response to a 1992 congressional mandate: Fertility Clinic Success Rate and Certification Act (FCSRCA). As a result of this mandate, CDC collects data on all ART procedures performed in the United States and has published an annual ART success rates report since 1997. This webcast will outline data from the November 2012 ART Surveillance Summary and will provide a state

-specific overview of ART utilization in the United States and the related contribution to multiple births, low birth weight and preterm births in each state. The webcast will take place on Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. EST. To join the webcast, [click here](#).

Training Opportunity for Leaders on Building Effective Systems of Care

The National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health at Georgetown University will be hosting the next *Primer Hands On* training on May 1-2 in Washington, DC. This opportunity will be especially beneficial for leaders across child-serving systems and stakeholder groups from states, tribes, territories, and communities, the national level, family organizations, and neighborhoods who already play influential roles in the



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development of systems of care for children at-risk for or with serious emotional disturbances and their families. This capacity-building initiative will build a network of key leaders who are trained in a detailed understanding of what it takes to build effective systems of care. Based on *Building Systems of Care: A Primer, 2nd Edition*, by Sheila Pires, the training covers the structure, components, and elements of effective systems of care and the strategic processes essential to engaging partners in systems building. All interested participants, must complete an interest form by Feb. 8. To access the interest form, [click here](#). For more information, contact [Melkisha Knight](#).

Addressing Children Exposed to Domestic Violence & Its Impact on Parenting in Home Visiting Settings Webinar

Parenting is personal, subjective and can be difficult – especially if there is a history of violence or current violence. Join the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program and the Office of Women’s Health, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, and Futures Without Violence on Feb. 19 at 12:30 p.m. EST for a webinar on the issue of adults’ childhood experiences with violence. We will discuss the role of the home visitor in talking with parents about their childhood experiences, using the Loving Parents, Loving Kids safety card. We will explain how talking with parents about their experiences as children can be a platform for discussing safe homes, safe strategies for caring for children, and what it means to be in a healthy relationship. To register, [click here](#).

MIHOPE Launches Listserv and Newsletter

The Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation (MIHOPE) is designed to build knowledge for policymakers and practitioners about the effectiveness of the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV) in improving outcomes for at-risk children and families. MIHOPE Updates will be shared every few months to inform stakeholders of project progress, milestones and related information. To read the newsletter, [click here](#). To sign up for the listserv and newsletter, [click here](#).

Division of MCH Workforce Development FY 2013 Competitive Funding Preview

The Division of MCH Workforce Development within the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) has released

a preview of the following funding announcements. Funding is still uncertain. All finalized information, including application deadlines, will be posted on [grants.gov](#) as soon as it is available. For more information about these opportunities, [click here](#).

MCH Nutrition Training Program

The MCH Nutrition Training Program funds are awarded to establish and enhance nutrition centers of excellence to improve MCH by promoting the healthy nutrition of the mother, child, and family. Up to \$1,060,763 may be available to fund up to six MCH Nutrition Training grants. It is anticipated that the maximum grant award will be approximately \$176,800 per budget period for up to five years. The anticipated award date for this program is Jul. 1, 2013.

MCH Knowledge to Practice Training Program

The Knowledge to Practice grants focus on increasing the skills of MCH professionals by facilitating the timely transfer of new information, research findings and technology related to MCH, and updating and improving the knowledge and skills of health and related professionals in programs serving mothers and children. Up to \$290,000 will support up to nine grants in the Knowledge to Practice Program. These grants can range from \$30,000 to the maximum grant award of \$100,000 per year for up to three years, depending on the methods utilized and the reach of the grant. The MCH Navigator cooperative agreement complements the Knowledge to Practice grants, using a web site to link learners to open-access webcasts, presentations, instructional modules, and online courses covering essential MCH skills and knowledge. \$180,000 will support one MCH Navigator Program cooperative agreement per year for up to three years. The actual number and size of awards will depend on the availability of funds. The anticipated award date for this program is Jul. 1, 2013.

MCH Workforce Development Centers

The purpose of the MCH Workforce Development Centers Program is to support workforce development for State Title V program leaders and staff to meet current public health MCH policy and programmatic imperatives in four key topic areas around implementation of the Affordable Care Act: 1) access to care; 2) quality improvement; 3) systems integration; and 4) change management. Approximately \$1,920,000 is expected to be available to fund up to four total MCH Workforce

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Development Center cooperative agreements (maximum grant award will be \$480,000 per budget period). The anticipated award date is Sept. 1, 2013.

Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics Training Program

The purpose of the Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics Training Program is to enhance behavioral, psychosocial, and developmental aspects of pediatric care. This is to be accomplished through: 1) support for fellows in developmental-behavioral pediatrics preparing for leadership roles as teachers, investigators, and clinicians advancing the field of developmental/behavioral pediatrics; and 2) providing pediatric practitioners, residents, and medical students with essential biopsychosocial knowledge and clinical expertise. The competition for this program was already held in 2012. The anticipated award date is Jul. 1, 2013.



Do you have a successful program that is related to data and assessment?

Consider sharing your program in [Innovation Station](#), AMCHP's searchable database of emerging, promising and best practices in maternal and child health. You'll have a chance to:

- Share successes with your peers
- Enhance the MCH field
- Contribute to program replication
- Get expert feedback from the Review Panel
- Receive national recognition

The online submission process is simple and applications are accepted on a rolling basis. For more information, contact [Kate Howe](#) at (202) 266-3056 or visit amchp.org/bestpractices.

You can also [click here](#) to refer an innovative MCH program that we should know about!

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES

Child and Adolescent Health

Children's Safety Network Releases Analysis on Firearm Injury

The Cost of Firearm Violence examines firearm injury costs in the United States in 2010. The estimates were developed by the Children's Safety Network Economics and Data Analysis Resource Center with funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). The estimates are based on injury data from the CDC and unit costs from the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation's injury-cost model. The analysis presents data on the societal cost and cost to government per fatal, hospital-admitted, and emergency-department-only firearm injury; the incidence of firearm injury; firearm injury costs per gun; and the costs and incidence of firearm injury by intent. Costs include medical and mental health care costs; criminal justice costs; wage losses; and the costs associated with pain, suffering, and lost quality of life. For more information, [click here](#).

Journal of Adolescent Health Supplement Examines Life Course Approach to Understanding Adolescence

The supplement to the February 2013 issue of the Journal of Adolescent Health investigates the neurobiology and development of adolescent health and disease, focusing primarily on what transpires during adolescence and how a young person subsequently responds to the range of environmental demands placed on him or her. The supplement's six articles address the following topics: adolescent neurodevelopment; epigenetics and early life origins of chronic non-communicable diseases; biological contributions to addictions in adolescents and implications for prevention, treatment, and policy; implications of science for illicit drug use policies for adolescents; implications of neuroscience and genetics on policies and programs to reduce the burden of depression in adolescents; neurobiology of food addiction and adolescent obesity prevention; and reducing adolescent-related violence by building resilient adolescents. To read the supplement, [click here](#).

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AMCHP Working On Your Behalf

- AMCHP staff Carolyn McCoy attended two presentations at the Kaiser Family Foundation where two major reports were released and were accompanied by panel discussions. The presentations were on state [Medicaid and CHIP enrollment policies](#) moving into open enrollment period in the fall of 2013 and full implementation of the Affordable Care Act in 2014. The second was a briefing on the [public's opinion on health care reform](#) as well as strategies for moving forward on important topics, such as debt reduction vis-à-vis the public's priorities for where to find savings in the national budget.
- On Jan. 24, AMCHP staff Carolyn McCoy attended a Habilitation Coalition meeting. Members of the coalition are leaders from all areas of the disability community that have a common interest in ensuring that the habilitation benefit included in the essential health benefits of insurance plans is implemented in the best possible way. This coalition also contributes to the national discussion on federal regulations as well as engaging with leaders in the administration to provide education on habilitation services and their importance.
- On Jan. 24, AMCHP staff Erin Bonzon and Tegan Callahan attended the annual meeting of the National Fetal Infant Mortality Review (NFIMR) Consortium. Members of the consortium were presented with a review of ACOG NFIMR activities during 2012 and were able to give input on the group's direction for 2013.
- On Jan. 24, AMCHP staff Piia Hanson attended the Breastfeeding Promotion Consortium meeting in Alexandria, VA, to share resources and information

and connect with other professional health organizations, breastfeeding advocacy groups and federal agencies that work to promote, support and protect breastfeeding.

- On Jan. 25, AMCHP staff Erin Bonzon represented AMCHP at the United States Breastfeeding Committee (USBC) Membership Meeting. She connected with local, state and national groups to share AMCHP work and learn from other members. USBC is an independent nonprofit coalition of more than 40 nationally influential professional, educational, and governmental organizations, that share a common mission to improve the nation's health by working collaboratively to protect, promote, and support breastfeeding.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

AAP Seeks Manager, Medical Home Initiatives

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), has an opportunity in the Division of Children with Special Needs for a relationship builder with strong project management and writing skills to manage medical home initiatives, and support numerous initiatives and activities related to medical home implementation. The successful candidate will serve as a conduit of medical home information from the AAP to chapter, state, and national constituents; oversee efforts related to pediatric residency training and other educational activities regarding medical home; and lead efforts related to the interface between primary and subspecialty care in the medical home. In collaboration with relevant AAP staff, this individual will provide technical assistance to AAP members and other health professionals on how to integrate medical home concepts in practice and policy. The manager will be responsible for oversight of two key division grant-funded projects. The manager will provide support to overall division goals and objectives related to medical home implementation. For more information, [click here](#).

CAHMI Open Research Associate Position

The Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative (CAHMI) at Oregon Health & Science University is currently recruiting for a Research Associate to join its team of committed professionals endeavoring to improve children's health. The CAHMI mission is to ensure that



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children, youth and families are at the center of quality measurement and improvement efforts in order to advance a high quality consumer-centered health care system. This position will be responsible for working with the Director of the CAHMI to develop and manage a portfolio of projects related to the CAHMI's work in the area of Patient Centered Quality Engagement and Improvement. For more information, [click here](#).

AMCHP Opening: Women's and Infant Health Intern

The Women's and Infant Health Team seeks a graduate student intern for Spring 2013. The intern will work on a variety of projects and initiatives, and will also have an opportunity to work with other AMCHP program and policy staff on various crosscutting issues. The intern will support a variety of projects including the *Optimizing Health Reform to Improve Birth Outcomes Action Learning Collaborative* (ALC), Life Metrics Course Project, MCH Innovation Station, and a national scan of state level programs and policies addressing preconception health, among other initiatives. Responsibilities for these projects may include: maintaining files and archiving project records; supporting meetings and conferences; coordinating distance learning opportunities such as webinars; supporting data collection, analysis and reporting activities; attending meetings and conferences on behalf of AMCHP and maintaining relationships with our partners and members. For more information, [click here](#).

AMCHP Opening: Organizational Performance & Member Services Intern

As a member of the Organizational Performance and Member Services team, the intern supports our member services and communications activities. The intern will assume responsibility for a wide range of projects and functions, requiring professionalism and task orientation. Principle duties include: compiling information on events and new publications for the member newsletter; layout of electronic newsletters using Microsoft Publisher and

Adobe InDesign; updating newsletter web content and other as needed; working with the member services manager on membership campaigns, including dues renewals and member retention programs; assisting in managing the AMCHP member database, including updating AMCHP member information; and supporting member services, track new and retiring members, and coordinate production of member welcome packets, including membership cards. For more information, [click here](#).

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CDC Birth Defect Study to Evaluate Pregnancy Exposures (BD-STEPS) Grant

Deadline: *Application due Feb. 8, Letter of intent due Jan. 8*

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to identify modifiable maternal exposures in early pregnancy that may increase the risk for having a pregnancy affected by certain major, structural birth defects. The CDC mission is "to promote health and quality of life by preventing and controlling disease, injury, and disability." This program is most closely aligned with the CDC Health Protection Goal of "Healthy People in Every Stage of Life." Quantifiable and measurable outcomes will be measured against the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) performance goal to find causes and risk factors for birth defects in order to develop prevention strategies. Nine grants will be awarded ranging in amounts from \$125,000 to \$400,000. For more information, [click here](#).

Lucille Packard Foundation for Children's Health CSHCN Learning Collaborative Grant

Deadline: *Feb. 8*

The Lucille Packard Foundation for Children's Health seeks proposals from community-based, multiagency coalitions in California with an interest in improving local systems of care coordination for CSHCN. Grants of up to \$40,000 will be awarded, and grantees will be required to participate in a multi-site learning collaborative with other community coalitions. Proposals must address care coordination needs of CSHCN and their families in a geographically defined community, county, or region within California. At a minimum, coalitions should include the following key stakeholders as active participants:

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families of CSHCN, primary care professional association representative (e.g., American Academy of Pediatrics), California Children's Services, Regional Centers, and family resource and support providers. An informational webinar for applicants will be held on Jan. 10 at 1 p.m. PST. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs American Youth Leadership Program Disability Component Grant

Deadline: *Feb. 11*

The Office of Citizen Exchanges, Youth Programs Division, of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an American Youth Leadership Program Disability Component. The award recipients will recruit and select 15-25 youth and one to three adult participants from the United States and provide them with a three- to four-week exchange program in select countries abroad focused on dialogue and debate, leadership development, and community service. Applicant organizations must make every effort to actively recruit and include individuals with sensory impairments, intellectual and physical disabilities, or cross-disabilities in the program. Upon returning home, the participants will apply what they have learned to serve their schools and communities. It is the intent of the Bureau to award one cooperative agreement of \$200,000. For more information, [click here](#).

CDC National Undergraduate Student Program to Increase Student Interest in Public Health

Deadline: *Feb. 11*

The primary purpose of this funding opportunity is to create a national program for the exposure of undergraduate students, including those from underrepresented racial and ethnic minority populations, to public health and biomedical sciences. Eligible organizations include nonprofit with 501c(3) IRS status (other than institution of higher education), Universities/Colleges (including community-colleges), National, Regional and Community-based organizations Faith-based organizations, Federally recognized or state-recognized American Indian/Alaska Native Tribal governments, American Indian/Alaska Native Tribally designated organizations and Alaska Native health corporations Urban Indian health organizations Tribal Epidemiology Centers. For more information, [click here](#).

RWJF Nurse Faculty Scholars

Deadline: *Feb. 12 at 3:00 p.m. EST*

The goal of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Nurse Faculty Scholars (NFS) program is to develop the next generation of national leaders in academic nursing through career development awards for outstanding junior nursing faculty. The program aims to strengthen the academic productivity and overall excellence of nursing schools by providing mentorship, leadership training, and salary and research support to young faculty. Up to 12 awards of up to \$350,000 each over three years will be available in this round of funding. For more information, [click here](#).

HRSA Integrating Newborn Screening Long-Term Follow-up into Primary Care Provider Practices Demonstration Grant

Deadline: *Feb. 19*

This funding opportunity announcement solicits applications for a newborn screening demonstration program in which applicants will investigate the feasibility of implementing the long-term follow-up responsibilities outlined in the 2011 report, *“What Questions Should Newborn Screening Long-term Follow-up Be Able to Answer? A statement of the US Secretary of Health and Human Services’ Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children (SACHDNC)”* and will utilize grantee networks to contribute to the long-term follow-up information collection on patients identified by newborn screening. Successful applicants will demonstrate the capacity to link primary care practices to state newborn screening follow-up programs in a functional manner in order to facilitate seamless follow-up of infants identified with NBS conditions and demonstrate a plan for assessing the feasibility of establishing long-term follow-up in a primary care setting. For more information, [click here](#).

AMCHP CAREER CENTER

The Career Center is the premiere online job board for individuals seeking employment in Maternal and Child Health programs. Whether you are looking for an entry-level position or are a more seasoned professional looking for new opportunities, AMCHP's Career Center has great openings for great people! Searching our database is free and open to all job-seekers. AMCHP members receive a discount on job-postings - so [sign up](#) today!

CMS Connecting Kids to Coverage Outreach and Enrollment Grant

Deadline: *Feb. 21*

Connecting Kids to Coverage Outreach and Enrollment (Cycle III) grants will support outreach strategies similar to those conducted in previous grant cycles. These grants, funded under the Affordable Care Act, will continue efforts to find and enroll eligible children in Medicaid and CHIP by making a total of \$32 million available for states, local governments, community-based and non-profit organizations. Indian health care providers and tribal entities also are eligible to apply. Successful applicants will receive grants ranging from \$250,000 to \$1 million for a two-year period, beginning Jun. 1, 2013 and ending May 31, 2015 to execute outreach activities to find and enroll eligible children in Medicaid and CHIP. For more information, [click here](#).

CDC Building Healthcare Practitioner Capacity Around HPV Vaccine Communication Grant

Deadline: *Feb. 25*

This funding opportunity announcement seeks to build on prior research concerning communication around vaccines recommended for adolescents in general, and HPV vaccine in particular, in order to identify and test interventions that demonstrate effectiveness in improving provider-level communication and recommendation of these vaccines. Two grants of \$300,000 each will be awarded. For more information, [click here](#).

RWJF Clinical Scholars

Deadline: *Feb. 28 at 5:00 p.m. EST*

RWJF and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) are collaborating to foster the development of physicians who will lead the transformation of Americans' health and health care through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars program. These future leaders will conduct innovative research and work with communities, organizations, practitioners and policymakers to address issues essential to the health and well-being of all Americans. Up to 20 eligible physicians will be selected in 2013 for appointments beginning Jul. 1, 2014. First year scholar stipend is \$67,000 with an increase the second year. In some

cases, VA stipends may be higher. Additional financial support is provided for research projects and professional travel. For more information and to apply, [click here](#).

SAMHSA 2013 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Crisis Center Cooperative Agreements

Deadline: *Mar. 1*

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2013 Cooperative Agreements for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Crisis Center Follow Up. The purpose of this program is to promote systematic follow up of suicidal persons who call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, suicidal persons discharged from emergency departments, and those who are being followed by the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Crisis Centers. This initiative also supports the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention (NSSP). This grant program supports SAMHSA's Prevention of Substance Abuse and Mental Illness Strategic Initiative through its focus on the prevention and reduction of mental illness and substance abuse across the lifespan. Eligible applicants are members of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Crisis Center Network who provide 24-hour coverage and meet the additional eligibility requirements described in Section III-3.2. Eligibility to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Crisis Center Network is limited to crisis centers participating in the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline because they are the only crisis centers that are able to obtain the required consents from Lifeline callers for follow up activities. For more information, [click here](#).

SAMHSA Planning Grants for Expansion of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families

Deadline: *Mar. 1*

The SAMHSA Center for Mental Health Services is accepting applications for fiscal year 2013 for Planning Grants for Expansion of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and their Families (System of Care Expansion Planning Grants). The purpose of these grants is to develop a comprehensive strategic plan for improving and expanding services provided by systems of care for children and youth with

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serious emotional disturbances and their families. For more information, [click here](#).

University of Arizona Graduate Certificate Program in MCH Epidemiology Scholarship

Deadline: *Mar. 1*

The Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health is offering 10-15 scholarships to MCH professionals working with American Indian and underserved communities nationally. These scholarships valued at \$11,685 each, will be awarded for the year 2013/14. The University of Arizona's Graduate Certificate in MCH Epidemiology is offered entirely online with no requirements for travel. The deadline to apply for applications to the program is Mar. 1, 2013. For more information and to apply, [click here](#).

CDC Medicaid Expansion and Reproductive Health Care for Women Grant

Deadline: *Application due Mar. 4, Letter of Intent due Feb. 4*

The intent of this funding opportunity announcement is to study the use of medical services and health outcomes among low-income women of reproductive age (15-44 years), before and after expansion of Medicaid eligibility. This research will require linkage of state Medicaid data with other key maternal and child health datasets including, but not limited to, birth certificates, death certificates, and hospital discharge data. One grant of approximately \$250,000 will be awarded, including both direct and indirect costs, in fiscal year 2013 to fund one applicant for the first 12-month budget period. For more information, [click here](#).

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applicant for the first 12-month budget period. For more information, [click here](#).

CDC Cost-Benefit of Incentive-Based Smoking Cessation for Pregnant Women Grant

Deadline: *Application due Mar. 4, Letter of Intent due Feb. 4*

The intent of this grant is for a study to assess the cost-benefit of a smoking cessation intervention that targets pregnant smokers. The intent is to evaluate a high intensity and low intensity contingency management (CM) intervention on prenatal smoking cessation. The suggested approach is a three-arm randomized controlled trial to assess smoking abstinence at end of pregnancy and cost-benefit of different intensity levels of CM on prenatal smoking cessation. The 3 arms would include: 1) a high intensity CM intervention for smoking cessation during pregnancy; 2) a low intensity CM intervention for smoking cessation during pregnancy, and 3) standard of care. One grant of \$560,000 will be awarded. For more information, [click here](#).

HHS ACL University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Grant

Deadline: *Mar. 6*

Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families are the primary decision makers regarding the services and support such individuals and their families receive, and play decision making roles in policies and programs that affect the lives of such individuals and their families. Toward these ends, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) seeks to support and accomplish the following: Support the increasing ability of individuals with developmental disabilities to exercise greater choice and self-determination and to engage in leadership activities in their communities; Enhance the capabilities of families in assisting individuals with developmental disabilities to achieve their maximum potential; Promote systemic change activities that ensure the active and meaningful engagement and participation of individuals with developmental disabilities in community-based programs and services; Promote the active involvement of individuals with developmental disabilities and families in all aspects of grantee programs, activities and services; and Ensure the protection of the legal and human rights of individuals

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with developmental disabilities. Seventeen expected grants of \$554,000 will be awarded. For more information, [click here](#).

HHS, CDC Quantifying Social Contact Rates and Mixing Patterns in the U.S. Population Grant

Deadline: *Mar. 7*

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to facilitate research to describe social contact and mixing patterns in the U.S. population. Results from this research will improve contact rate estimation and parameterization for infectious disease transmission models that can be used to evaluate infectious disease prevention and control strategies. Estimated total funding available including direct and indirect costs for first year (12 month budget period) is \$1,000,000. For more information, [click here](#).

CDC Monitoring Cause-Specific School Absenteeism Linked to Influenza Transmission Grant

Deadline: *Mar. 7*

Influenza transmission among school-aged children and young adults is frequently predictive of subsequent community transmission. Early recognition of school-based transmission of influenza, therefore, could contribute to the timely implementation of mitigation efforts to reduce morbidity and mortality in the wider community. Due to variability, more studies are needed to assess the utility of cause-specific school absentee data during future pandemics as well as during outbreaks of severe seasonal influenza. This funding opportunity is aimed at facilitating research to develop a school-based absentee monitoring system that could serve as means to rapidly detect influenza circulation in the wider community spread. Estimated total funding available including direct and indirect costs for first year is \$500,000 Estimated total funding available including direct and indirect costs for entire project period (3 year project period) is \$1,500,000. For more information, [click here](#).

SAMHSA Statewide Family Network Program

Deadline: *Mar. 7*

The purpose of this program is to enhance state capacity and infrastructure to be more oriented to the needs of children and adolescents with serious emotional

disturbances and their families. These grants will provide information, referrals, and support to families who have a child with a serious emotional disturbance and create a mechanism for families to participate in state and local mental health services planning and policy development. The Statewide Family Network Program builds on the work of the SAMHSA Center for Mental Health Services, which helped to establish a child and family focus in programs serving children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbances around the country. Thirty awards of \$60,000 will be awarded. For more information, [click here](#).

Nursing Workforce Diversity Program Grant

Deadline: *Mar. 8*

Nursing Workforce Diversity (NWD) grants are awarded to increase nursing education opportunities for individuals who are from disadvantaged backgrounds (including racial and ethnic minorities under-represented among registered nurses) by providing the following: (1) student scholarships or stipends for diploma or associate degree nurses to enter a bridge or degree completion program; and (2) student scholarships or stipends for accelerated nursing degree programs, pre-entry preparation, advanced education preparation, and retention activities. These goals are consistent with the statutory authority provided in Title VIII to support projects that assist underrepresented students throughout the educational pipeline to become registered nurses, facilitate diploma or associate degree registered nurses becoming baccalaureate-prepared registered nurses, and prepare practicing registered nurses for advanced nursing education. Sixteen expected awards of \$350,000 will be awarded. For more information, [click here](#).

MCHB Life Course Research Network Grant

Deadline: *Mar. 11*

The Maternal and Child Health Bureau will award a cooperative agreement to support a Life Course Research Network (LCRN) focused on improving the understanding of the socio-environmental determinants of health experienced at different life course stages for the MCH population through engagement of researchers, practitioners, policymakers and consumers in a collaborative, innovative, and multidisciplinary research project. The LCRN is designed to accelerate the translation of the life course theory to MCH practice and policy and foster its rapid adoption into clinical and public health practice through systems integration and

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collaboration with entities that have a common goal of improving MCH outcomes (e.g., Title V programs, state and local health departments, community safety net programs and other public health programs serving underserved communities). One grant of \$150,000 will be awarded to support this initiative. For more information, [click here](#).

CMS Indoor Environment of Low-Income Renovated Multifamily Housing in the Western Region of the United States Grant

Deadline: *Mar. 13*

The purpose of the program is to evaluate housing factors that are energy efficient and have the potential to mitigate the negative health outcomes of low income children with asthma. This program addresses the “Healthy People 2020” focus areas of homes and communities and respiratory diseases. The award for the first year of funding will not exceed \$200,000. The second year of funding will not exceed \$300,000. For more information, [click here](#).

SAMHSA FY 2013 Targeted Capacity Expansion-Peer-to-Peer Grant

Deadline: *Mar. 15*

SAMHSA Center for Substance Abuse Treatment is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2013 Targeted Capacity Expansion Peer-to-Peer (TCE-PTP) grants. The purpose of this program is to expand and enhance service capacity through the provision of addiction peer recovery support services for those individuals with substance use disorders. A primary program objective is to help achieve and maintain recovery and to improve the overall quality of life for those being served. Twenty grants of \$250,000 will be awarded. For more information, [click here](#).

HRSA Delta States Rural Development Network Grant Program

Deadline: *Mar. 18*

The purpose of the Delta States Rural Development Network Grant Program (Delta) is to fund organizations located in the eight Delta States to address unmet local health care needs and prevalent health disparities in rural Delta communities. In practice, the Delta Program provides resources to help rural communities develop partnerships to jointly address health problems that could not be solved by single entities working alone. A priority

of the Office of Rural Health Policy is to fund evidence-based programs which demonstrate improved health outcomes. Evidence-based practices are those that are developed from scientific evidence and/or have been found to be effective based on the results of rigorous evaluations. Applicants are required to propose multi-county/multi-parish projects that address delivery of preventive or clinical health services for individuals with, or at risk of developing chronic health diseases which disproportionately affect rural Delta communities. Due to the high disparities in the region, applicants are required to propose a program based focus areas of diabetes, cardiovascular disease or obesity. Chronic disease initiatives can be in programs focused on prevention, self-management, care coordination, or clinical care, but must be outcomes oriented. Twelve grants up to \$25,000 will be awarded. For more information, [click here](#).

HRSA Culturally Appropriate Interventions of Outreach, Access and Retention among Latino/a Populations – Demonstration Sites Grant

Deadline: *Mar. 18*

The purpose of this grant is to support organizations that will design, implement and evaluate culturally appropriate service delivery models focused on improving health outcomes among Latinos/as living with HIV disease. The initiative will focus on Latinos/as who are who are at high risk of HIV infection or are infected with HIV but are unaware of their HIV status; are aware of their HIV infection but have never been engaged in care; are aware but have refused referral to care; or have dropped out of care. Applicants must propose innovative interventions that identify Latinos/as at high risk or living with HIV, and improve their access, timely entry and retention in quality HIV primary care. Applicants must have the clinical capacity to implement and sustain their interventions, and propose evaluation plans for these interventions that will enhance knowledge of the disparities in health outcomes affecting Latino populations living in the United States. This initiative will take a transnational approach, and applicants must propose innovative interventions targeting HIV-affected Latino/a subpopulations living in the UNITED STATES but specific to their country of origin. Eight grants of \$300,000 will be awarded. For more information, [click here](#).

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HRSA Culturally Appropriate Interventions of Outreach, Access and Retention among Latino/a Populations - Evaluation and Technical Assistance Center Grant

Deadline: *Mar. 18*

The purpose of this announcement is to evaluate and provide technical assistance for up to eight demonstration projects funded under a separate FOA, *Culturally Appropriate Interventions of Outreach, Access and Retention among Latino(a) Populations – Demonstration Sites* (HRSA-13-154). Organizations that apply under this FOA are not eligible to also apply under the Demonstration Sites FOA. The Demonstration Sites focus primarily on Latinos at high risk for HIV or those living with HIV. Organizations that apply under this FOA are not eligible to also apply under the Demonstration Sites FOA. The demonstration site projects will design, implement and evaluate culturally appropriate service delivery models focused on improving health outcomes among Latinos/as living with HIV disease. This initiative will take a transnational approach, with demonstration project applicants proposing innovative interventions targeting HIV-affected Latino/a subpopulations living in the U.S. but specific to their country of origin. For more information, [click here](#).

ORR Ethnic Community Self Help Program Grant

Deadline: *Mar. 22*

The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) invites refugee ethnic-community based organizations as well as refugee ethnic organizations that are faith-based to submit competitive grant applications for funding of the Ethnic Community Self-Help Program to provide services to newly arrived refugees. The objective of this program is to strengthen organized ethnic communities comprised and representative of refugee populations to ensure ongoing support and services to refugees within five years after initial resettlement. The populations targeted for services and benefits in the application must represent refugee communities which have arrived in the U.S. within the last five years (no earlier than 2008). Eligible applicants may be awarded up to \$250,000. For more information, [click here](#).

HRSA AETC Education for Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants

Deadline: *Mar. 22*

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) solicits applications for the AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETC) Education for Nurse Practitioners (NP) and Physician Assistants (PA) program. The intention of this funding opportunity is to establish education programs designed to train nurse practitioners and physician assistants in HIV/AIDS care and treatment. Five grants of \$350,000 will be awarded. For more information, [click here](#).

SAMHSA Drug-free Communities Support Program Grant

Deadline: *Mar. 22*

The Drug-free Communities (DFC) Program is a collaborative effort directed by the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) in collaboration with SAMHSA, and the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP). The DFC Program has two goals: 1) Establish and strengthen collaboration among communities, public and private non-profit agencies, and federal, state, local, and tribal governments to support the efforts of community coalitions working to prevent and reduce substance use among youth aged 18 and younger; and 2) Reduce substance use among youth and, over time, reduce substance abuse among adults by addressing the factors in a community that increase the risk of substance abuse and promoting the factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse. Grants up to \$125,000 will be awarded. For more information, [click here](#).

NCIPC Preventing Violence and Violence Related Injury Research Grants

Deadline: *Mar. 26, Letter of Intent Due. Feb. 26*

The purposes of the CDC National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) extramural violence prevention research program are to: 1) Build the scientific base for the prevention of violence by helping to expand and advance our understanding of the primary prevention of interpersonal and self-directed violence; 2) Encourage professionals from a wide spectrum of disciplines of epidemiology, behavioral and social sciences, medicine, biostatistics, public health, health economics, law, and criminal justice to perform research in order to prevent violence more effectively; and 3) Encourage investigators to propose research that involves the development and testing of primary prevention strategies as well as

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research on methods to enhance the adoption and maintenance of effective strategies among individuals, organizations, or communities. Three grants of \$350,000 will be awarded. For more information, [click here](#).

HRSA Oral Health Workforce Grant

Deadline: Apr. 3

This announcement solicits applications for the *Grants to States to Support Oral Health Workforce Activities Program*. The purpose of this program is to help states develop and implement innovative programs to address the dental workforce needs of designated dental health professional shortage areas in a manner that is appropriate to the states' individual needs. Applications for this program should describe innovative approaches to addressing and measuring oral health workforce needs at the state level. For more information, [click here](#).

Emergency Medical Services for Children Targeted Issues Demonstration Projects

Deadline: Apr. 9

The funding opportunity announcement for the Targeted Issues grants is intended to invite applications that will improve the care provided by Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers for critically ill and injured children. Applicants should address specific needs in the field of pre-hospital pediatric emergency care that transcend State boundaries. There will be two categories of grants (see details below). Category I projects will demonstrate the establishment of an infrastructure for pediatric Prehospital research. Category II projects will improve pediatric pre-hospital research. Objectives must meet a demonstrable need in the prehospital care of children, and methodologies and strategies for achieving the objectives must be realistic, appropriate and scientifically sound. One award of \$300,000 will be awarded. For more information, [click here](#).

RWJF Executive Nurses Fellows

Deadline: Jan. 15, 2014 at 3 p.m. EST

RWJF Executive Nurse Fellows program is a three-year advanced leadership program for nurses who aspire to lead and shape health care locally and nationally. Fellows strengthen and improve their leadership abilities related to improving health and health care. Awards are open to registered nurses who hold senior leadership positions in health services, scientific and academic organizations, public health and community-based organizations or systems, or national professional, governmental and policy organizations. For more information, [click here](#).

CMS Cooperative Agreement to Support Establishment of Health Insurance Exchanges

Deadline: Oct. 15, 2014

Through this cooperative agreement, CMS will provide states, the District of Columbia, and consortia of states, with financial assistance for the establishment of exchanges. These awards will provide funds for the state to complete activities for achieving approval in accordance with Section 1321 of the Affordable Care Act and the requirements as established through the rulemaking process. For more information, [click here](#).

NIH Initiative to Maximize Research Education in Genomics Diversity Action Plan

Deadline: Sept. 6, 2016

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) present this funding opportunity to facilitate the training of individuals at all careers levels (the undergraduate, graduate, post baccalaureate, postdoctoral and faculty levels) from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in scientific disciplines relevant to genomics to enable them to pursue genomics research that spans all areas of interest to NHGRI later in their careers. For more information, [click here](#).



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Feb. 8-9
Washington, DC

AMCHP Events

[AMCHP 2013 Annual Conference](#)

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[14th Annual National Healthy Start Association Spring Conference](#)

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[Third Annual Teen Pregnancy Prevention Grantee Conference](#)

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