

Member Briefs



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THE ASSOCIATION OF MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS



LEGISLATIVE & POLICY CORNER

Health Reform Implementation

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced on Jan. 3 that a new batch of states are conditionally approved to operate state-based health insurance exchanges. Those states are California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Vermont and Utah. These states are in addition to Colorado, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Minnesota, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island and Washington that also are conditionally approved to run a state-based exchange. Additionally, conditional approval was given to Delaware to operate a state partnership exchange.

On Jan. 3, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) also provided [guidance](#) on state partnership exchanges, which is a hybrid format of health insurance exchange where the states assume responsibility in running the exchange in partnership with the federal government.

CMS released an [Informational Bulletin](#) on Dec. 28 that provides guidance to states on the Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Conversion Guidance. "Effective Jan. 1, 2014, a methodology for determining income based on MAGI will apply to both Medicaid and CHIP eligibility for most enrollees, including pregnant women, children, parents and other caretaker relatives, and the new adult group (as applicable in a state). This new methodology is aligned with the one that will be used to determine eligibility for the premium tax credits and cost sharing reductions available to certain individuals purchasing coverage on the Exchange." The Georgetown Center for Children and Families has a useful article [here](#) on the bulletin.

On Dec. 21, AMCHP submitted [comments](#) to the *Federal Register* on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act proposed rule on essential health benefits.

CMS also announced on Dec. 21, the release of [important information](#) for states on the implementation of the Affordable Care Act provisions to raise payments for services furnished by certain primary care physicians in calendar years 2013 and 2014. Of note, the document explains that effective Jan. 1, 2013, state Medicaid programs can receive a one percentage point increase in federal matching payments for services rated A or B by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force without requiring enrollees to share any of the costs. In addition, effective Jan. 1, 2013, states are required to pay primary care physicians no less than 100 percent of Medicare payment rates in 2013 and 2014 for primary care services, which is fully funded by the federal government.

On a related note, in order to push back against potential cuts to these payments in fiscal cliff negotiations, on Dec. 12, AMCHP signed onto a [letter](#) with the pediatric community to support protecting access to health services for children by preserving the Affordable Care Act payment increase for primary care services financed by Medicaid.

AMCHP encouraged states to comment on proposed essential health benefits benchmark plans. AMCHP provided a memo containing background information and how states can comment that can be found [here](#). Comments were due Dec. 26.





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.

AMCHP Board Elections Begin

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 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.

Video Invitation to Attend the AMCHP Annual Conference from AMCHP CEO Mike Fraser

AMCHP CEO Mike Fraser invites you to attend AMCHP's Annual Conference in Washington, DC on Feb. 9-12, 2013. Learn why you don't want to miss the must-attend conference of the year. [Click here](#) to watch the video.

Early-Bird Registration Ends Jan. 11 – Register Today for AMCHP 2013!

The AMCHP 2013 Annual Conference will be held Feb. 9-12, at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. To register, visit regonline.com/amchp2013. Early-bird registration rates end Friday – register now! Don't forget to also book your hotel room! The conference rate will

expire on Jan. 9! [Click here](#) to book your hotel.

AMCHP Releases Act Early Ambassadors Request for Applications

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), and AMCHP announce a funding opportunity for Act Early Ambassadors to work with the CDC "[Learn the Signs. Act Early.](#)" program. The CDC "Learn the Signs. Act Early." (L TSAE) program aims to improve early identification of autism and other developmental disabilities so that children and their families can get the help they need. The L TSAE Act Early Initiative, a collaborative effort between CDC, HRSA, the Association for University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) and AMCHP seek to improve collaboration among state programs that identify and serve young children with developmental disabilities and their families. CDC and HRSA work collaboratively on a variety of programs focused on early identification of young children. CDC, AUCD and HRSA convened Act Early regional summits in all 10 HHS regions from 2007-2009. Act Early teams developed state plans and have begun implementation of state plan activities. Act Early teams are engaged in public awareness, education and training, collaboration, and advocacy at the state and local level. For more information, see the [RFA](#).

AMCHP Webinar: Opportunities for Improving Preconception Health through Health Reform

Please join AMCHP on Jan. 8 at 2 p.m. EST for a webinar which will: 1) Briefly describe and define preconception health and its importance on improving birth outcomes and lowering disparities in the United States; 2) Provide an overview of coverage for women's and reproductive health care currently in the United States; 3) Highlight how health reform, both at the state and national level, can contribute to improving preconception care for women; and 4) Share successes, challenges and lessons learned from a state that offers various levels of coverage for preconception health. For more information contact [Carolyn McCoy](#). To register, [click here](#).

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Futures Without Violence Webinar

Futures Without Violence (formerly the Family Violence Prevention Fund) will present a webinar entitled “*Strengthening Healthcare-based Domestic Violence Programs through Evaluation.*” Many health care facilities across the U.S. have hired domestic violence/sexual assault (DV/SA) advocates to provide on-site services or utilize trained social workers and other trained health care staff to provide DV/SA intervention and referral. Ongoing evaluation is a critical component to measure the effectiveness of such programs. This webinar will address the importance of understanding and developing quality improvement measures and annual goals that evaluate how the program is doing; where and how efforts should be targeted; alignment with organizational priorities; and overall program improvement. The webinar will be presented on Jan. 8 at 1 p.m. EST. For more information, [click here](#).

New Suicide Prevention Webinar and Conference Call Series

The Injury Control Research Center for Suicide Prevention (ICRC-S) will present a series of calls and webinars on the topic of suicide prevention. The goal of the series is to promote a dialogue between researchers and practitioners, enabling them to identify new, collaborative projects that will inform and enhance suicide prevention efforts and research. The first webinar will take place on Jan. 9 at 2 p.m. EST. Entitled “*The Intersection of Suicide Research and Public Health Practice: Laying the Foundation for Partnership,*” this webinar will explore the public health and collaboration frameworks for suicide prevention and suicide research. For more information, [click here](#).

CDC Public Health Grand Rounds Explores Venous Thromboembolism

The January session of Grand Rounds will discuss Venous Thromboembolism (VTE), which consists of two related conditions caused by blood clots: Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) and Pulmonary Embolism (PE). Estimates of the number of people in the U.S. affected by a DVT/PE each year range from 350,000-900,000, with up to 100,000 dying as a result, and 20-50 percent of people who experience a DVT develop long-term complications. Up to one-half of all VTEs occur during or soon after hospitalizations, and VTE is one of the most frequent serious adverse events in hospitals. Many VTEs

can be prevented if hospitals educate providers and patients, systematically assess risks for clotting and bleeding, and prescribe risk-appropriate prevention strategies. VTE prevention is an important component of hospital patient safety improvement efforts that are being supported by a number of organizations and Federal agencies. The webinar will be presented on Jan. 15 at 1 p.m. EST. For more information, [click here](#).

CMS Learning Lab Webinar: Improving Oral Health Through Access

CMS Oral Health Technical Assistance Webinars will present the third installment of the quarterly series on Jan. 23 at 2 p.m. EST. This webinar, “*Quality Improvement Processes: An Introduction for Medicaid and CHIP Dental Programs,*” will provide states and oral health stakeholders with information about the basic principles of a quality improvement process, how to apply those principles in Medicaid and CHIP dental program toward improving access to dental care and technical assistance resources available to help states explore this topic further. To register, [click here](#).

Call for Applications: Making Lifelong Connections 2013

The University of Wisconsin Pediatric Pulmonary Center (PPC) and the Wisconsin Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) along with the University of Alabama at Birmingham PPC will be co-hosting an interdisciplinary leadership meeting entitled “*Making Lifelong Connections: Leadership, Networking and Career Development for MCHB Trainees.*” This meeting provides a forum for current and former MCH trainees to work together to enhance their



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leadership skills, network, and develop professional connections. Topics for abstracts or presentations can include current or past projects related to MCH which fall into the following categories: Research, Professional Development, Program/Policy Development or a Case Study. The planning committee will review and select participants to invite. The application packets include the abstract review form that will be used for evaluation and selection. The application is due Jan. 25. For more information, [click here](#).

Deadline Approaching for MCH PHLI Applications

The Maternal and Child Health-Public Health Leadership Institute (MCH PHLI) applications for Cohort IV are now being accepted through Feb. 1. This year-long leadership development program for the MCH workforce is designed to significantly expand self-awareness and quickly build practical skills for effectively leading, managing people, and building partnerships, to advocate for and create the MCH systems of tomorrow. This unique program improves leadership capacity, teaching tools for creating the kind of culture that engages and motivates others. The program consists of three residential executive-style retreats (10 days of experiential-based training) coupled with a robust and customizable distance-based program. All tuition and lodging charges for this program are grant-supported. For more information and to apply, please [click here](#).

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES



Child and Adolescent Health

CDC Presents New Childhood Immunization Campaign Resources

The CDC has created new resources to educate parents and health care professionals about the recommended immunization schedule, the benefits of vaccination and vaccine safety to help ensure vaccination rates remain high. Developed by CDC, the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), these [materials for providers](#) help health care professionals stay current on vaccine topics;

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strengthen communication with parents; and share up-to-date, easy-to-use information about vaccines and vaccine-preventable diseases with parents. CDC's newly redesigned [vaccine website](#) for parents clearly explains the benefits of vaccines, the 16 vaccine-preventable diseases, the recommended immunization schedule, possible vaccine side effects, how to comfort a baby during vaccine visits and more. New [30-second television PSAs and 30-second and 60-second radio PSAs](#) promote the benefits of vaccination to English and Spanish-speaking parents of children under two years of age. For more information about the campaign materials, email Childhoodvaccines@cdc.gov.

Women's and Infant Health

NBDPN Highlights Awareness Campaign Resources for National Birth Defects Prevention Month

Birth defects are a leading cause of death in infants and young children. However, the cause of most birth defects remains unknown. Preventing birth defects and leveraging intervention services for families in need are important public health priorities that require a sustained commitment of resources. In the U.S., every four and a half minutes a baby is born with a birth defect. The National Birth Defect Prevention Network's (NBDPN) Parent Advisory Group has spearheaded the 2013 Birth Defects Awareness Campaign with the development of a public service announcement (PSA) video that is available, free of charge, in both English and Spanish. To view and download the PSA, [click here](#). To view additional education materials and resources, including educational posters and brochures, to support 2013 Birth Defects Prevention Month activities, [click here](#).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Oregon Health Authority Public Health Division Seeks MCH and Chronic Disease Center Director

The successful candidate will provide leadership for the Center for Prevention and Health Promotion and will positively contribute to the Division's leadership team acting as a change agent, accurately diagnosing context,

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applying critical and systems thinking, and building consensus in complex, multicultural contexts. The candidate will serve as the Principle Investigator on federal grants, cooperative agreements, or projects along with representing the Division on state and national tasks forces and committees. Additionally, the new hire will manage the Center and all staff and programs within the Center, including the following sections: Adolescent Health, Genetics and Reproductive Health; Maternal and Child Health, Women, Infants and Children, Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention, the Injury and Violence Prevention. This position is responsible for determining and/or recommending policy and the utilization of resources within the Center in order to meet the goals and objectives mandated by law and determined by the Governor, the Director of the Oregon Health Authority, the Director and the Deputy Director of the Public Health Division. 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

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!

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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HUD Strong Cities, Strong Communities National Resource Network Grant

Deadline: *Jan. 28*

This Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will fund the development of the SC2 National Resource Network, which will align federal resources and coordinate distinct and wide-ranging technical assistance programs to help communities make more effective local



Do you have a successful program that has addressed infant mortality in areas such as preconception health, prematurity awareness, infant mortality task forces, SIDS/SUIDS, and more?

Consider sharing your program in [Innovation Station](#), the AMCHP 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!

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investments. For more information, [click here](#).

Medical Home Implementation for Children with Special Health Care Needs Grant

Deadline: *Jan. 28*

This announcement solicits applications for a National Center for Medical Home Implementation. The purpose of this activity 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. For more information, [click here](#).

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: 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/

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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, 2013 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](#).

CDC Building Healthcare Practitioner Capacity Around HPV Vaccine Communication Grant

Deadline: *Feb. 25*

This funding opportunity announcements 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](#).

SAMSA 2013 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Crisis Center Cooperative Agreements

Deadline: *Mar. 1*

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSA) 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

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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](#).

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

Deadline: *Mar. 1*

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's, 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 (SOC) for children and youth with serious emotional disturbances and their families. For more information, [click here](#).

University of Arizona Graduate Certificate Program in MCH Epidemiology Scholarship

Deadline: *Mar. 1, 2013*

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 Maternal & Child Health (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 FY2013 to fund one applicant for the first 12-month budget period. For more information, [click here](#).

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

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](#).

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](#).



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RWJF Executive Nurses Fellows

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

The 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](#).



CALENDAR

AMCHP Board Meeting

Feb. 8-9
Washington, DC

AMCHP Events

[AMCHP 2013 Annual Conference](#)

Feb. 9-12
Washington, DC

MCH Events

[National Conference on Bullying](#)

Feb. 27-Mar. 1
Orlando, FL

[2013 Public Health Preparedness Summit](#)

Mar. 12-15
Atlanta, GA

[SAHM Annual Meeting: Achieving Healthy Equity for Adolescents & Young Adults](#)

Mar. 13-16
Atlanta, GA

[National Council for Behavioral Health Conference](#)

Apr. 8-10
Las Vegas, NV

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

May 20-22
National Harbor, MD

[NACCHO Annual 2013](#)

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Dallas, TX

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