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Health Reform Implementation

Federal Budget Update

Welcome to March fiscal madness when legislation, amendments and resolutions are being introduced and debated at lightning speed. AMCHP staff is closely monitoring and analyzing various proposals as they are introduced and the below synopsis is our analysis of where things stand today.

FY 2013 Mar. 1, 2013 Sequestration

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued a sequestration order two weeks ago. A couple of days following that announcement, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) sent an email to formula grantees indicating the percentage cut would be 5 percent, which, according to our best guess, equates to an approximate \$32 million reduction from the Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Services Block Grant bringing the FY 2013 baseline to \$606 million. Unfortunately, it appears most agencies have not yet contacted states and partners to delineate the percentage cut and when the cuts will be administered. AMCHP will be working in close partnership with the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) and other affiliates to request that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) communicate with the field regarding sequestration so that state and local public health departments can plan their budgets accordingly.

FY 2013 Mar. 27, 2013 Funding for the Federal Government Expires

Congress is currently debating legislation to fund the federal government for the remainder of the fiscal year (Mar. 27-Sept.30). Despite our best efforts, this legislation DOES NOT UNDO sequestration.

Sequestration is still scheduled to occur and this legislation would lock it in for FY 2013.

The House approved their version of the bill last week and the Senate is currently amending that legislation. As of today, there are differences between the two bills and the amendment process is still taking place.

- House Continuing Resolution (H.R. 933): Late last week, the U.S. House of Representatives approved their version of a resolution funding the federal government for the remainder of the fiscal year. Included in this bill is small across the board cut to all programs. This legislation is currently being debated in the U.S. Senate.
- Senate Continuing Resolution: On Mar. 11, Senate Appropriations Chairwoman Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) unveiled her version of a [continuing resolution](#) (CR) intended to fund the government through the rest of the fiscal year while helping many federal agencies better manage spending cuts under sequester. The Senate bill expands on the stopgap funding plan ([H.R. 933](#)) passed by the House last week but maintains the same overall spending level. The Senate version includes three more bills — Agriculture, Commerce-Justice-Science and Homeland Security, along with the new Military Construction-Veterans Affairs and Defense bills the House included in its version. This includes \$6.9 billion for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Women, Infants and Children nutrition program, which is above the FY 2012 funding of \$6.6 billion. While the remaining seven spending bills, including the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, are funded at FY 2012 levels funding for those agencies will be further reduced by a small across the board cut and the 5 percent as stipulated

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by the sequester. Under this bill, however, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will receive a \$71 million increase but, that increase will be washed away with the 5 percent or \$1.5 billion sequestration reduction. The CR is expected to pass next week.

Senators are offering amendments to this resolution, which would increase or decrease funding for key programs. Below is a summary of key amendments and their status:

- Sen. Harkin (D-IA): This [amendment](#) to the CR that would increase funding the Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant (+\$1.4 million), NIH (+\$140 million), Ryan White AIDS Drug Assistance Program (+\$29 million), the Preventive Health Block Grant (+\$25 million), among other programs. The amendment did not pass.
- Sen. Cruz (R-TX): This amendment would have blocked the use of federal funding to implement the Affordable Care Act. This amendment did not pass.
- Sen. Coburn (R-OK): Introduced an [amendment](#) that would limit the involvement of federal employees in association conferences to 25 individuals per conference. This would have an impact on the involvement of Health Resources and Services Administration, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention staff and other federal government staff in conferences and meetings. AMCHP is currently reviewing the amendment and analyzing its impact on the AMCHP annual conference.

As of today, more than 100 amendments are pending for consideration to the Senate continuing resolution. It is expected that the continuing resolution will be approved by the Senate early next week. After that, the legislation would return to the House for an additional vote. AMCHP will keep you updated as this process moves forward.

FY 2014 Apr. 15, 2013 Budget Resolution

Last week, the Chairs of the House and Senate Budget Committees unveiled their budget resolutions providing a blueprint for funding in fiscal year 2014 and beyond. The two proposals could not be more different in their approach to reduce the deficit and set spending priorities for the next year. Below is a summary:

- House Resolution – Chairman Ryan (R-MN): This resolution proposes to balance the budget in ten years. Some of the initiatives included in this resolution are the following: repeal the Affordable Care Act, combine the Children’s Health Insurance Program and Medicaid into one block grant program that would be indexed for growth based on population increases and inflation, creates a premium support program for Medicare, freezes maximum Pell Grants for 10 years, and cuts food assistance programs. According to an analysis by the [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#) this legislation cancels sequestration for defense while further lowering the caps or overall amount of funding available for non defense discretionary programs for FY 2014-FY 2023. Specifically, this proposal would provide \$700 million BELOW sequestration levels or \$1.1 trillion BELOW the caps established by the *Budget Control Act of 2011*. According to the Coalition for Health Funding, this proposal essentially shifts responsibility for sequestration entirely on non defense discretionary programs.
- Senate Resolution – Chairwoman Murray (D-WA): First, this plan cancels sequestration. This resolution reduces the size of the deficit to 2.2 percent of GDP by reducing the deficit by \$1.85 trillion over the next decade through \$975 billion in spending cuts and \$975 billion in new revenue, \$275 billion dollars in cuts would come from Medicare and Medicaid, \$76 billion from other mandatory, \$240 billion from cuts to defense spending. This resolution lowers the caps or overall amount of spending available for non defense discretionary programs established by the Budget Control Act by \$142 billion.

Since these plans are so dissimilar, it is unclear how Congress will resolve the differences between the two in the near future. It is important to note that budget resolutions do not get signed into law, but are important proposals setting the course for spending for the next fiscal year. The Senate will be considering the budget resolution in the next week.

FY 2014 Oct. 1, 2013 Testimony

In case you missed it, last week, AMCHP member Dr. Christopher Kus testified before the House Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Subcommittee about the need for sustained funding for

the Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant. Chairman Kingston (R-GA), Ranking Member DeLauro (D-CT), and Rep. Roybal Allard (D—CA) heard his oral remarks. [Click here](#) to view the written testimony.

What's Next?

AMCHP will continue to keep you updated as these budgetary issues unfold. We expect the continuing resolution funding the federal government for the remainder of the fiscal year will be finalized by the end of next week. The House and Senate will vote on their respective budget resolutions. Finally, it is expected that President Obama will release his budget for FY 2014 by Apr. 8.

If you have any questions please contact [Brent Ewig](#) or [Carolyn Mullen](#).

AMCHP Submits Comments on Title V Data Reporting

On Mar. 7, AMCHP provided [comments](#) to HRSA on the *Federal Register* notice that was released by OMB on Jan. 7 requesting comments on the burden on states to report data on the amount of federal funding from the Title V MCH Services Block Grant that states spend on direct services. Request for comment was given in order to "Analyze Title V Programs in the Context of the Affordable Care Act." States also provided comments specific to their programs.

More States Approved to Partially or Fully Run Marketplaces

On Mar. 7, HHS conditionally [approved](#) four additional states to run their health insurance marketplaces. With the approval of Iowa, Michigan, New Hampshire and West Virginia, 24 states and the District of Columbia are conditionally approved to partially or fully run their marketplace with the doors opening for enrollment on Oct. 1, 2013. HHS is also working with several other states in dividing the labor of plan management.

Navigator and In-Person Assister Funding

HHS announced on Mar. 8 that the funding announcement for the navigator and in-person assister programs has been delayed. There were no details included in the announcement about when it is expected, but a follow-up webinar will be scheduled to discuss the funding announcement and answer questions. Stay tuned for more information!



[The AMCHP 2014 Annual Conference is Coming!](#)

Would you like to help plan the 2014 Annual Conference? We are looking for volunteers who would like to participate in our Conference Planning Committee. If you would like to serve, or nominate a colleague, please contact Laura Goodwin, conference manager, for more information! Don't want to serve on the committee? We are always looking for volunteers to help review presentation abstracts and help serve as reviewers for the program. There is a place for you – just let us know how you would like to help! Again, contact [Laura Goodwin](#), conference manager, for more!

Notice of April Board Meeting

The AMCHP Board of Directors will be meeting via teleconference on Apr. 11, 2013. Board meetings are open and all are invited to listen in to board deliberations. If you would like to join the meeting, we ask that you let Nora Lam, executive assistant, know of your intention to participate so we can accommodate you during the call and share the dial-in numbers. For more information, please e-mail [Nora Lam](#).

CDC March Grand Rounds: Teen Pregnancy

This month, CDC grand rounds will focus on reducing teen pregnancy in the United States. Experts will present topics covering evidence-based sexual health education, support for parents in talking with their children about pregnancy prevention and other aspects of sexual and reproductive health, and ready access to effective and affordable contraception for teens who are sexually active. Parents, educators, public health and medical professionals, and community organizations all have a role to play in reducing teen pregnancy. The webcast will take place on Mar. 19 at 1 p.m. EST. For more information, [click here](#).



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CDC Accepting Applications for PPHH Host Agencies

State and local health departments and other public health agencies interested in hosting a 2012 CDC Public Health Prevention Service (PHPS) fellow for a two-year field assignment may [now apply](#). PHPS fellows have master's degrees and at least one year of public health experience prior to beginning the PHPS fellowship. Applications are due Apr. 5; assignments will begin in October 2013.

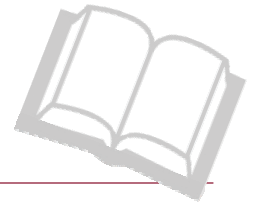
Register Now for Conference on Health Disparities Research

This conference, *At the Intersection of Race, Ethnicity, and Disability*, will bring together researchers, advocates, and policymakers to share information and discuss racial, ethnic, and disability-related disparities. Attendees will learn about barriers to health care and health promotion for people with disabilities in underserved racial and ethnic groups, share research work on the intersection of racial/ethnic disparities and disabilities, and discuss priorities for future research and action. The conference is sponsored by the Agency for Health Research and Quality, the Association of University Centers on Disabilities, and the Special Hope Foundation. The conference will take place Apr. 25-26. To register, [click here](#).

Register for AAP Conference on Quality Improvement Science for Children's Health Care Research

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) will host the third annual conference on pediatric quality improvement (QI) methods, research and evaluation on May 3. The meeting will focus on state-of-the-art methods for pediatric health care QI research and bring together leaders and innovators in pediatric QI research. Topics will include challenges of using these methods and developing an agenda for further improving and applying QI research methodologies, as well as integrating evidence-based quality improvement strategies into front-line QI efforts such as maintenance of certification. Individuals with interest and/or experience in how to conduct, evaluate, apply, or interpret quality improvement research should attend. CME credit is available. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES



General Maternal and Child Health

2012 Child and Women's Health Databooks Now Available

The databooks are produced annually by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) in partnership with the HRSA Office of Women's Health for Women's Health USA. They are designed to provide MCH professions with an easy-to-use collection of current and historical data from multiple federal sources on some of the most pressing health challenges facing women, children, families, and communities. [Child Health USA 2012](#) includes several new features: pages on topics such as environmental health, weight control and sedentary behaviors; a special focus on rural/urban data related to birth outcomes; and the latest data on children with special health care needs. New topics covered in [Women's Health USA 2012](#) include adverse childhood experiences, sexual risk behaviors, sexual violence, and Internet use for health information. In addition, the special population section of the report features new data on the health of Asian women, rural and urban women, and women veterans.

18th Annual MCH EPI Conference Archive and Resources Now Available

The 18th Annual MCH EPI Conference co-hosted with the 2012 CityMatCH Annual Urban MCH Leadership Conference, *Advancing Partnerships: Data, Practice, and Policy* brought together MCH professionals and public health practitioners from across the United States and internationally. Hosted by the CDC, HRSA/MCHB and CityMatCH, this event offered sessions led by researchers, federal officials, advocates, health care providers and staff of state MCH programs. To view video, PowerPoints and other session materials from the conference archives, [click here](#).

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- On Feb. 28, AMCHP staff Sanaa Akbarali, Lacy Fehrenbach, and Kate Howe participated and helped organize the “State Newborn Screening and Birth Defects Program Roles in Screening for Critical Congenital Heart Defects (CCHD)” meeting in Atlanta, GA. Co-hosted by AMCHP and CDC, the meeting brought together state newborn screening and birth defects program representatives to dialogue about key components for successful collaboration in critical congenital heart disease screening and implementation. The goal of the meeting is to inform an issue brief on the topic, which AMCHP and CDC will work on together, to broadly disseminate as a resource to all states over the coming months.



Do you have a program that addresses teen pregnancy prevention, adolescent health or youth engagement?

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!

- On Feb. 28, AMCHP staff Piia Hanson attended the Northern Manhattan Perinatal Partnership, Healthy Start and Head Start Consortium General Meeting, *Building the 0-8 Pipeline: Exploring Educare, Early Childhood and Perinatal Models* in New York, NY. The focus of the meeting was to discuss early childhood education from a life course perspective that integrates evidence-based preconception and perinatal program models with innovative Birth to 5 programs that ensure children enter school with a solid foundation and on a path towards college and career readiness.
- On Mar. 1, AMCHP staff Megan Phillippi participated in discussions on communicating and implementing the Institute of Medicine (IOM) recommended guidelines for pregnancy weight gain and potential partnerships to engage women and their health care providers in adopting the guidelines at the Leveraging Action to Support Dissemination of Pregnancy Weight Gain Guidelines Workshop in Washington, DC. For more information about IOM pregnancy weight gain resources, [click here](#).
- On Mar. 2, AMCHP staff Brent Ewig provided an MCH policy update to the mid-year meeting of the American Public Health Association MCH section.
- On Mar. 6, AMCHP staff Piia Hanson attended the IOM and National Research Council workshop on *Research Issues in the Assessment of Birth Settings* in Washington, D.C. The workshop featured presentations from invited speakers and discussions that highlighted research findings that advance our understanding of the effects of maternal care services in different types of institutional settings on maternal labor, clinical and other birth procedures, and birth outcomes.
- On Mar. 12, AMCHP staff Kate Howe presented on the Collaborate for Healthy Weight Action Call on *National and State Resources to Promote Healthy Weight*. The webinar focused on a variety of national and state resources that can be used to promote healthy weight in communities, including AMCHP resources such as the Innovation Station, publications and an upcoming issue brief on the role of Title V in promoting healthy weight. The call also featured the work of New York and the collaboration between the Bureaus of Maternal and Child Health and Chronic Disease. The recording and presentations are available online [here](#).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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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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 United States within the last five years (no earlier than 2008). Eligible applicants may be awarded up to \$250,000. For more information, [click here](#).

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HRSA AETC Education for Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants

Deadline: *Mar. 22*

This funding announcement 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

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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 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](#).

CDC HIV Prevention Projects for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and United States Virgin Islands

Deadline: *Mar. 27*

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to implement comprehensive HIV prevention programs to reduce morbidity, mortality, and related health disparities. In accordance with the National HIV/AIDS Strategy and High-Impact HIV Prevention, this FOA focuses on addressing the national HIV epidemic by reducing new infections, increasing access to care, and promoting health equity. The aforementioned will be achieved by enhancing community-based organizations' capacities to increase HIV testing, link HIV positive persons to medical care, increase referral to partner service, provide prevention services for HIV positive individuals and high risk individuals with unknown/negative serostatus, and increase program monitoring and accountability. 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](#).

Funds for Support for Expectant and Parenting Teens, Women, Fathers and Their Families

Deadline: *Apr. 10*

This notice solicits applications from states, which include the District of Columbia, any commonwealth, possession, or other territory of the United States and any federally-recognized Indian tribe or reservation, for the development and implementation of programs for expectant and parenting teens, women, fathers and their families. The Office of Adolescent Health anticipates that up to \$24 million will be available to fund up to 32 grants in the amount of \$500,000 to \$1,500,000 per year for a four-year project period. For more information, [click here](#).

CDC NCCDPHP Cooperative Agreement Announcement

Deadline: *Apr. 19, Letter of Intent due Mar. 19*

CDC and the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP) announces the availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 funds to implement State Public Health Actions to Prevent and



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Control Diabetes, Heart Disease, Obesity and Associated Risk Factors and Promote School Health. There are two components to this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA). The first is a non-competitive basic component that will be awarded to all 50 states and the District of Columbia if they submit a technically acceptable application. Approximately \$28 million per year is available for the basic component. The second is a competitive enhanced component that will provide funding for up to 25 states. All states and the District of Columbia are eligible to apply for the competitive enhanced component. The enhanced component will be objectively reviewed and scored. Approximately \$42 million per year is available to fund up to 25 states for the enhanced component. The project period for both components is 5 years, with a 12-month budget period and an anticipated award date of July 1, 2013. For more information, [click here](#).

CDC State Public Health Actions to Prevent and Control Diabetes, Heart Disease, Obesity and Associated Risk Factors and Promote School Health Grant

Deadline: *Apr. 19, Letter of Intent due Mar. 19*

The State Public Health Actions to Prevent and Control Diabetes, Heart Disease, Obesity and Associated Risk Factors and Promote School Health FOA outlines an approach to preventing and reducing the risk factors associated with childhood and adult obesity, diabetes, heart disease, and stroke; it also addresses management of these chronic diseases. The activities and strategies outlined in this FOA are organized by the four chronic disease prevention and health promotion domains: 1) Epidemiology and surveillance; 2) Environmental approaches that promote health and support and reinforce healthful behaviors; 3) Health system interventions to improve the effective delivery and use of clinical and other preventive services; and 4) Community-clinical linkages to support cardiovascular disease (CVD) and diabetes prevention and control efforts and the management of chronic diseases. For more information, [click here](#).

SAMHSA FY 2013 Cooperative Agreements for Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment Grant

Deadline: *Apr. 29*

The purpose of this program is to implement screening,

brief intervention and referral to treatment services for adults in primary care and community health settings, for substance misuse and substance use disorders (SUD). This program is designed to expand/enhance the state and tribal continuum of care for substance misuse services and reduce alcohol and drug consumption and its negative health impact; increase abstinence and reduce costly health care utilization; and promote sustainability of SBIRT services through the use of health information technology (HIT). The program is designed to expand/enhance the state/tribe's continuum of care to include universal, adult SBIRT services in primary care and community health settings and supports clinically appropriate services for persons at risk (asymptomatic) for, or diagnosed with, an SUD. It also seeks to identify and sustain systems and policy changes to increase access to treatment in generalist and specialist settings, including greatly increasing the number of consumers accessing services through technological expansion. For more information, [click here](#).

RWJF Executive Nurses Fellows

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

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (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](#).

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NIH Initiative to Maximize Research Education in Genomics Diversity Action Plan

Deadline: *Sep. 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

Apr. 11
Washington, DC

MCH Events

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

Apr. 6-9
Washington, DC

[National Council for Behavioral Health Conference](#)

Apr. 8-10
Las Vegas, NV

[SOPHE 64th Annual Meeting](#)

Apr. 17-19
Orlando, FL

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[International Conference on Perinatal and Infant Death](#)

Apr. 18-21
Minneapolis, MN

[Health Disparities Research Conference: At the Intersection of Race, Ethnicity, and Disability](#)

Apr. 25-26
Washington, DC

[3rd Annual AAP Conference on Advancing Quality Improvement Science for Children's Health Care Research](#)

May 3
Washington, DC

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

May 20-22
National Harbor, MD

[Third National Cribs for Kids Conference](#)

June 25-28
Pittsburgh, PA

[NACCHO Annual 2013](#)

Jul. 10-12
Dallas, TX

[ARHP 50th Annual Reproductive Health Meeting](#)

Sept. 19-21
Denver, CO

[87th Annual American School Health Association Conference](#)

Oct. 9 - 12
Myrtle Beach, SC

[2013 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting](#)

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