

# Member Briefs



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THE ASSOCIATION OF MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS



## LEGISLATIVE & POLICY CORNER



### Very Bad Allocations

Last week, the House Appropriations Committee approved its FY 2014 allocations for the 12 annual spending bills. The plan follows the post sequestration \$967 billion spending cap. The Labor-HHS-Ed bill that funds HRSA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) would receive an allocation of \$121.8 billion for FY 2014, an 18.6 percent cut below the FY 2013 post-sequester level (the largest reduction of any of the allocations). President Obama and Democrats are proposing a level of \$165.8 billion in FY 2014 for the Labor-HHS-Ed bill. As expected, the proposal significantly exceeds the post-sequestration funding levels for the defense bill, providing a 5.4 percent increase over the FY 2013 post-sequestration level for that bill. Homeland security, Milcon-VA and Legislative Branch would also receive increases over FY 13 post-sequester levels.

If this bill goes forward with the aforementioned allocations it is expected that the House could propose the outright elimination of some agencies, programs and or dramatically reduce funding across the board. This level of cuts is outrageous and would decimate public health infrastructure, programs and research. As such, AMCHP, along with March of Dimes, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), and the National WIC Association issued a joint [press statement](#) vehemently opposing the House allocations.

### Maternal Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV) Reauthorization

During the past couple of weeks, AMCHP staff participated in a series of meetings to discuss reauthorization and extension of the MIECHV program. Funding for this program expires at the end of fiscal year 2014. Notably, organizations agreed that we should support a straight extension of the program without any policy changes given the political climate. AMCHP will continue to partner with a number of groups and home visiting models during the upcoming months to ensure sustained funding for the program.

## GET INVOLVED



### AMCHP ABCs of ACOs Webinar!

On **May 30, from 3-4:30 p.m. EST**, AMCHP will present *The ABCs of ACOs for MCH*. With all eyes on the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), especially the insurance marketplace, Medicaid expansion, and health insurance reforms, states also are working diligently to transform the delivery of services. Among the many initiatives included in the ACA, provisions to establish accountable care organizations (ACOs) are significant because of the potential to help achieve the "IHI Triple Aim"-- improving patient experience of care, improving the health of populations, and reducing the per capita cost of health care ([Institute for Health Improvement: The Triple Aim](#), accessed Mar. 11, 2013). While significant focus is being placed on ACOs for the adult population the potential for pediatric populations, particularly children with special health care needs (CSHCN) remains unclear. The role of ACOs in



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population health and how they integrate with community-based systems of care, including public health agencies, on a range of issues, such as care coordination, is still unfolding. This webinar will highlight key considerations for maternal and child health populations, the role of public health in ACO implementation, and efforts to implement ACOs that have a focus on pediatric populations particularly CSHCN. To register, [click here](#).

### Health Insurance Marketplace Webinars

CMS will be holding a series of webinars to provide information on the health insurance marketplace. There will be two different levels of webinars. The first level will provide an “overview of the accomplishments of the Affordable Care Act and a basic introduction to the Marketplace (Exchanges) highlighting who is eligible and how the Marketplace will work.” The second level will be a two-hour long “detailed review of the Marketplace (Exchanges), including eligibility, enrollment, plan structure, Medicaid expansion, and the streamlined application.” For a schedule and more information, click [here](#).

### Text4baby Kicks Off 2013 State Enrollment Contest!

AMCHP is formally supporting the 2013 Text4baby State Enrollment Contest launched on May 14. [Text4baby](#) is a free comprehensive personalized maternal child health education and support program. It provides critical, evidence-based health and safety information through text messaging. The objective of the contest will see which state can enroll the most text4baby users between May 12 and Oct. 21. Winners will be announced in early November during the American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting in Boston, MA. AMCHP is pleased to be a partner in the text4baby initiative and is encouraging our membership to promote the service to the families they serve. For more information about the contest, [click here](#).

### MCHB Reaching Audiences through Social Media Networks Webinar!

On **May 30, from 2-3:30 p.m. EST**, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) will present a webinar to discuss *Using Visual Apps to Connect with Your Target Audience on Social Networks*. Grantees will learn how they can create and share visual media with their target

audiences in an easy economical way, with emphasis on public health apps and technology tools. To attend the webcast, [click here](#).

### AMCHP 2013 Communications Assessment!

Communication is a vital process in every organization. It is particularly central to what AMCHP does as a membership organization. AMCHP communicates with our members through a variety of formats, including e-newsletters, the AMCHP website, email alerts and updates and social media. We'd like to hear from you: How well do you think our current communication network is meeting your needs? What are we doing well? What can we do better? The AMCHP 2013 Communications Assessment will be open from May 13, 2013 until Jun. 3, 2013. Watch your email for an invitation that contains a personalized link to allow you to complete the assessment. You can see the assessment questions [here](#).

### AMCHP Every Mother Initiative Request for Applications

With support of Merck for Mothers, AMCHP is launching the *Every Mother Initiative* to help states address maternal health issues in their community through strengthening and enhancing state maternal mortality surveillance systems (MMSS) and use the data from these systems to take action in developing and implementing population-based strategies and policy change to prevent maternal death and improve maternal health outcomes. The *Every Mother Initiative* will begin with a 15-month action learning collaborative (ALC) among six states with existing maternal mortality review programs. Core components of the *Every Mother* ALC include in-person and virtual technical assistance, peer-to-peer site visits between teams, and a Translation Support Sub-award to help fund implementation of community recommendations based on MMSS data and analysis.

Additionally, these six states will be given the exciting opportunity to serve as pilot test sites for a new maternal mortality data system. This data system, created by the CDC Division of Reproductive Health, is designed to serve multiple purposes including: storing abstracted data elements; supporting the development of case summaries; storing committee review determinations and producing an analytic file.

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AMCHP will host an RFA Orientation Q&A call on **Jun. 6, 2013 at 3 p.m. EST**. Please note attendance on this call is not required to submit an application. No registration required, log in information below:

**Call in Number:** 1-888-450-5996; **Passcode:** 979667#

### Join the meeting in Adobe Connect:

To join the meeting, [click here](#), select "Enter as a Guest" and type your name in the box. When you are prompted to choose how to connect to the audio, you will be connecting by calling in with the number and passcode above. You can click cancel to close the box.

The RFA will be released on the AMCHP website the week of May 27, so be sure to check online throughout the week; **applications are due by 11:59 p.m. EST Friday, Jun. 21**. For questions about the Every Mother RFA, please contact Tegan Callahan, [tcallahan@amchp.org](mailto:tcallahan@amchp.org); 202-266-3051.

## PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES

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### General Maternal & Child Health

#### Grant Opportunities from the Commonwealth Fund

*The Commonwealth Fund* is a private foundation that aims to promote a high performing health care system that achieves better access, improved quality, and greater efficiency, particularly for at risk populations. In order to do so, the fund supports independent research on health care issues and provides grants to improve health care practice and policy. Of special interest to the fund are delivery system models capable of providing population-based, patient-centered, accountable care that is well integrated across the full continuum of services - preventive, health-promoting, acute, chronic, and long-term - and the payment reforms that make such models feasible. Projects supported by these programs are intended to inform health care leaders and

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policymakers at the local, state, and national levels about promising ways of using new and existing resources to overcome barriers and stimulate delivery system improvements. For a list of grant opportunities, [click here](#).

### Women's & Infant Health

#### Report from the Third National U.S. Survey of Women's Childbearing Experiences

An initiative by Childbirth Connections, *Listening to Mothers* is devoted to improving maternity policy, practice, education, and research by understanding experiences and perspectives of childbearing women. Particularly, the study focused on the following:

- What health concerns do women have before pregnancy?
- How do U.S. women use the internet and other sources of pregnancy information?
- How do childbearing experiences differ across racial and ethnic groups in the United States?
- How do experiences of childbearing women on Medicaid and private insurance differ?
- What are some factors driving the use of cesarean section in the United States?
- What are some factors driving use of induced labor in the United States?
- How have women's childbearing experiences changed over the past decade?

For the full report, [click here](#).

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### **New Online Toolbox: Improving the Receipt of Clinical Preventive Services among Women with Disabilities**

AMCHP and the CDC Division of Human Development and Disability are pleased to announce the release of a new online toolbox for *Improving the Receipt of Clinical Preventive Services among Women with Disabilities*. The toolbox was created for maternal and child health program staff that work with women with disabilities, and offers a centralized resource of health information and links to existing tools specifically designed to increase the use of clinical preventive services among women with disabilities.

The tools in this resource address the needs to:

- Increase knowledge and use of recommended services
- Identify service gaps and monitor progress
- Create or map accessible facilities and transportation in communities
- Empower clinicians and women with disabilities to interact effectively

The development of this toolbox stemmed from a meeting of MCH stakeholders and experts who examined examples of existing tools and made recommendations to increase their use among MCH programs. The toolbox is an opportunity for state and local public health programs to examine their roles in improving clinical preventive services to women with disabilities and to incorporate available tools into their working strategies. To access the toolkit, [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!

## **Child Health**

### **OAH Mental Health Disorder Resources**

Roughly 20 percent of adolescents are diagnosed with a mental health disorder. The Office of Adolescent Health (OAH) outlines direct-service resources and links to more information about adolescent mental health disorders and adolescent access to mental health services. To view the resources, [click here](#).

### **CDC Issues First Comprehensive Report on Children's Mental Health in the United States**

The CDC has released a new *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* Supplement that finds that millions of American children live with depression, anxiety, ADHD, autism spectrum disorders, Tourette syndrome or a host of other mental health issues. *Mental Health Surveillance Among Children in the United States, 2005-2011* is the first-ever report to describe federal efforts on monitoring mental disorders, and presents estimates of the number of children aged three to 17 years with specific mental disorders, compiling information from different data sources covering the period of 2005-2011. The report is an important step to better understand children's mental disorders, identify gaps in data, and develop public health strategies to protect and promote children's mental health, so children can reach their full potential in life. To download the report, [click here](#).

## **ON YOUR BEHALF**

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### **AMCHP Working On Your Behalf**

- On May 9, AMCHP staff Carolyn McCoy attended and presented at a meeting entitled "Optimizing MCH Nutrition under the ACA." Meeting attendees explored opportunities to promote nutrition for MCH populations related to the Affordable Care Act. Meeting attendees worked to define how the MCH workforce can embrace the ACA and what training is needed. Much of the discussion throughout the meeting centered on how to utilize Bright Futures as the framework for preventive and primary care, as well as the community health settings.

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- On May 14 AMCHP staff Carolyn McCoy, Jessica Teel, and Tegan Callahan attended a legislative briefing on the Quality Care for Moms and Babies Act of 2013. The bill would support the establishment and expansion of maternity care collaborative and establish a set of maternity care quality measures for reporting in Medicaid and CHIP, and support development of additional measures by specialty societies, such as ACOG.
- On May 17 AMCHP staff Caroline Stampfel facilitated a discussion on data and measurement at the National Governor's Association Learning Network Conference for Improving Birth Outcomes. States participating in the first round of the NGA Learning Network included Michigan, Connecticut, Kentucky, and Louisiana.
- AMCHP CEO Mike Fraser and AMCHP staff Carolyn Mullen participated in a meeting with White House officials and other home visiting models to discuss extension and expansion of MIECHV. The White House Officials included members from the domestic policy council, Dr. Michael Lu, Dr. Willis, the Office of Management and Budget and the White House Office of Legislative Affairs. During this meeting we discussed various strategies regarding extension of the home visiting program and we urged the White House to support extending the program this year as opposed to waiting for funding to run out next year. Our advocacy now shifts to Capitol Hill where we will be meeting with policymakers during the upcoming weeks.

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### State Oral Disease Prevention Program Grant

Deadline: *May 29*

The overall purpose of the State Oral Health Program is to assist state health departments to build and/or maintain effective public health capacity for implementation, evaluation, and dissemination of best practices in oral disease prevention and advancement of oral health objectives. Grants of up to \$250,000 will be awarded. For more information, [click here](#).

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### FY 2013 Health Center Outreach and Enrollment Assistance FOA

Deadline: *May 31*

On May 9, The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced that the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will award approximately \$150 million under the FY 2013 Health Center Outreach and Enrollment Assistance funding opportunity through formula-based supplemental awards to eligible section 330 funded health centers. For more information, [click here](#).



**Share your evidence-based practices! AMCHP is continuing to collect emerging, promising and best practices in MCH!**

Do you have a successful program in maternal and child health? If so, consider sharing your program through [Innovation Station](#), the AMCHP searchable database of emerging, promising and best practices in maternal and child health. Through this opportunity, you can:

- 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](http://amchp.org/bestpractices).

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

### **CDC Promoting, Strengthening and Enhancing Disease Prevention by Collaboration with Targeted Stakeholders Grant**

Deadline: *Jun. 5*

The purpose of this grant is to increase accurate information on social media and educate WIC staff about vaccine recommendation and best practices by working with targeted stakeholders, including WIC staff, coalitions, stakeholders and parents. These activities will in the long term reduce barriers and lead to the reduction of morbidity and mortality from vaccine preventable diseases. For more information, [click here](#).

### **National Information & Referral Support Center Grant**

Deadline: *Jun. 5*

Administration for Community Living (ACL)/ Administration on Aging (AoA) has supported the National Aging Information & Referral Support Center (the Support Center). The Support Center was established to assist the aging network of State Agencies on Aging, Area Agencies on Aging, Tribal organizations, and local aging information and referral (I&R) providers enhance the quality and professionalism of their information and assistance systems. Since 2003, the Support Center has provided technical assistance and training to Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs). The Support Center provides comprehensive information and technical assistance on a variety of issues relating to information and assistance on aging and more recently programs for people with disabilities. Aging and disability I&R programs and ADRCs continue to evolve and expand their ability to provide person-centered access to information and assistance. I&Rs and ADRCs are working to improve collaboration and coordination to better serve aging and disability populations, families, and caregivers. To assist the aging and disability networks, including ADRCs, to respond to these and other emerging issues ACL will fund a new Cooperative Agreement to provide technical assistance and training. For more information, [click here](#).

### **Maternal and Child Health Workforce Development Centers Grant**

Deadline: *Jun. 7*

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 ACA: (1) access to care; (2) quality improvement; (3) systems integration; and (4) population health management. Up to four (4) national training hubs, or one central hub, based in institutions of higher education, will coordinate training efforts around the key topic areas, to enhance the capacity of the MCH workforce to lead and/or engage in ongoing ACA implementation and public health transformation. Formal and informal academic-practice partnerships between the national training hub(s) and State Title V programs and as appropriate, other national partners will be required to accomplish the goals of this program. For more information, [click here](#).

### **Implementing Improved Services for Children and Youth with ASD and DDs Grant**

Deadline: *Jun. 10*

The purpose of this grant is to improve access to comprehensive, coordinated health care and related services for children and youth with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other related developmental disabilities (DDs). Funding will support improved state systems of care and the implementation of activities focused on improving early screening, coordination of family services, and increasing ASD/DD awareness. For more information, [click here](#).

### **Planning Improved Services for Children and Youth with ASD and DDs Grant**

Deadline: *Jun. 10*

This grant supports applicants in the planning and development of activities that are designed to improve state systems of care for children and youth with ASD and related DDs and increase access to comprehensive coordinated health care. For more information, [click here](#).

### **Diligent Recruitment of Families for Children in the Foster Care System**

Deadline: *Jun. 10*

This announcement solicits applications to fund cooperative agreements, for the purpose of developing programs to recruit resource families for children in foster care. Applications submitted in response to this announcement should propose projects that will: 1) Implement comprehensive, multi-faceted diligent recruitment programs for resource families, including

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kinship, foster, concurrent, and adoptive families for children and youth served by public child welfare agencies; effectively identify, engage and support resource families as a means of improving permanency outcomes and building lasting connections for children in foster care. 2) Integrate the diligent recruitment programs into the Child and Family Service Plan and with other agency programs, including foster care case planning and permanency planning processes, to facilitate active concurrent planning activities; 3) Demonstrate the capacity to use this project as a transformative platform for improved system response to permanency and building connections, incorporating changes at the policy and practice level and embracing the philosophy of permanency beginning at entry into the child welfare system; 4) Evaluate the implementation of the comprehensive diligent recruitment programs to document processes and potential linkages between diligent recruitment strategies and improved outcomes; and; 5) Develop identifiable sites that other states/locales seeking to implement improved diligent recruitment methods can look at for guidance, insight and possible replication. For more information, [click here](#).

### **Rural Access to Emergency Devices Grant Program Grant**

Deadline: *Jun. 17*

The purpose of this grant is to 1) purchase automated external defibrillators (AEDs) that have been approved, or cleared for marketing, by the Food and Drug Administration; 2) provide defibrillator and basic life support training in AED usage through the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or other nationally recognized training courses, and 3) place the AEDs in rural communities with local organizations. For more information, [click here](#).

### **National Resource Center on CDSME Programs Grant**

Deadline: *Jun. 17*

The center will assist states, the aging, disability and public health networks, and their partners to increase access to and sustain evidence-based prevention programs, particularly Chronic Disease Self-Management Education (CDSME) programs that improve the health and quality of life of older adults and adults with disabilities. The center will serve as a national clearinghouse of tools and information on CDSMEs. For more information, [click here](#).

### **Projects to Establish Individual Development Account (IDA) Programs for Refugees Grant**

Deadline: *Jun. 17*

The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) invites eligible entities to submit competitive grant applications for projects to establish and manage Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) for low-income refugee participants. Eligible refugee participants who enroll in these projects will open and contribute systematically to IDAs for specified Savings Goals, including home ownership, business capitalization, vehicles for educational or work purposes, professional certification, and education (limited to postsecondary education, college entrance exam fees, Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and GED preparation and test fees). Successful grantees will be expected to coordinate their policies and procedures for developing and administering refugee IDA projects with ORR and with the existing refugee IDA network. For more information, [click here](#).

### **Building State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Partnerships for Community Preparedness and Response Grant**

Deadline: *Jun. 18*

Grantees will work to improve community preparedness and response, and to strengthen resiliency in order to reduce injury related morbidity and mortality in public health emergencies and strengthen community and national recovery in the aftermath. The grantee will innovatively identify key issues that could impact communities, states, and regions and that will foster national collaboration. For more information, [click here](#).

### **State and Regional Approaches to Improving Access to Services for CYE Grant**

Deadline: *Jun. 19*

This grant provides up to seven grants to support state and local governments in their efforts to improve access to health and other services for children and youths with epilepsy (CYE) residing in rural and/or medically underserved areas. For more information, [click here](#).

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### **Advancing aSBI and CHOICES in American Indian and Alaska Native Populations through Training and Technical Assistance Grant**

Deadline: *Jun. 23*

The purpose of this announcement is conducting training on Alcohol Screening and Brief Intervention (aSBI) and CHOICES and provide technical assistance on implementing the interventions into clinic settings have been identified as barriers for promoting successful adoption and integration into primary care clinics as a standard of care. This program announcement addresses these barriers by focusing on building capacity with the awardee organization(s) to provide training and technical assistance to clinics serving AI/AN populations. Increasing the capacity of organizations to provide a comprehensive approach is anticipated not only to reduce risks for an alcohol-exposed pregnancy in women, but also reduce risky drinking and its associated harms in all men and women, as well as support alcohol screening and brief intervention as a standard of care. For more information, [click here](#).

### **CDC Implementation of Essentials for Childhood: Safe, Stable, Nurturing Relationships and Environments Grant**

Deadline: *Jun. 24*

This grant supports sustainable and collective impact efforts that promote safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments. State health departments will be funded to 1) coordinate and manage existing and new partnerships with child maltreatment prevention organizations and non-traditional partners to promote safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments for children; 2) work with partners to identify strategies across sectors that promote safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments; 3) identify, coordinate, monitor and report on the strategies implemented by multi-sector partners; 4) coordinate improvement processes (e.g., continuous quality improvement) for multi-sector partners to refine strategies that support safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments; and 5) establish state-level impact of these efforts. For more information, [click here](#).

### **National Innovative Partnerships for Addressing Obesity through Environmental Supports for Nutrition and Physical Activity Grant**

Deadline: *Jun. 24*

Activities conducted under this grant will support the CDC mission by promoting implementation of environmental and system supports within HHS regions that create healthier places and lead to improvements in healthy eating and physical activity behaviors across the U.S. Funded organizations will be expected to lead activities and coordinate with other CDC grantees working on obesity prevention. For more information, [click here](#).

### **Building and Supporting Core Public Health Capacities Related to Violence and Injury Prevention Grant**

Deadline: *Jun. 25*

The purpose of this grant is to strengthen violence and injury prevention programs by enhancing state and local health departments. The grantee will help to increase the adoption and implementation of public health violence and injury policy and evidence based program strategies. For more information, [click here](#).

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### Street Outreach Program Grant

Deadline: *Jun. 28*

This will fund grantees to provide street-based services to runaway, homeless, and street youth who have been subjected to, or are at risk of being subjected to, sexual abuse, prostitution, or sexual exploitation. These services are provided in areas where street youth congregate and are designed to assist such youth in making healthy choices regarding where they live and how they behave. For more information, [click here](#).

### Tribal Public Health Capacity Building and Quality Improvement Grant

Deadline: *Jul. 15*

The purpose of this grant is to strengthen and improve the infrastructure and performance of tribal public health agencies and tribal health systems through capacity building and quality improvement. For more information, [click here](#).

### RWJF Applying Behavioral Economics Principles to Healthcare Problems Grant

Deadline: *Jul. 17, Proposal Brief due Apr. 17*

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) is accepting proposals that apply the principles and frameworks of behavioral economics to persistent and perplexing health and healthcare problems. Proposals are encouraged from a range of disciplines, including but not limited to behavioral economics, decision theory, economics, public health, sociology, psychology, marketing, nursing and medicine. Through its *Pioneer Portfolio* program, RWJF expects to make approximately five awards of up to \$200,000 each for two-year projects that test innovative solutions to the challenge of reducing the use of low-value services in health care. For more information, [click here](#).

### Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight Grants

Deadline: *Aug. 1*

The purpose of this grant is to expand and improve health insurance rate review and increase transparency in health care pricing by engaging consumers and small businesses in the process. For more information, [click here](#).

### Health Care Innovation Awards Round Two Grant

Deadline: *Aug. 15*

This grant funds applicants who propose new payment and service delivery models that will provide better health, better health care, and lower costs through improved quality for Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP enrollees. For more information, please visit the [CMS announcement](#). Also, CMS is hosting a Health Care Innovation Awards Round Two Overview Webinar on **Tuesday, May 28 1-2:30 p.m. EST**. For more information and to register, click [here](#). Also, find a [frequently asked questions](#) page.

### 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

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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 National Human Genome Research Institute later in their careers. For more information, [click here](#).

## CALENDAR

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### **AMCHP Board Meeting**

Summer Board Meeting  
Jun. 20-22  
Milwaukee, WI

### **MCH Events**

[Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists Annual Conference](#)  
Jun. 9-13  
Pasadena, CA

### [Third National Cribs for Kids Conference](#)

Jun. 25-28  
Pittsburgh, PA

### [NACCHO Annual 2013](#)

Jul. 10-12  
Dallas, TX

### [Leadership, Legacy, & Community: A Retreat to Advance MCH Scholarship & Practice](#)

Jul. 15-16  
Oak Brook, IL

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### [4<sup>th</sup> Brain Development & Learning: Making sense of the Science Conference](#)

Jul. 24-25  
Vancouver, BC

### [ARHP 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Reproductive Health Meeting](#)

Sept. 19-21  
Denver, CO

### [2013 Annual Urban Maternal and Child Health Leadership Conference](#)

Sept. 23-25  
Savannah, GA

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

Oct. 9 - 12  
Myrtle Beach, SC

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

Nov. 2-6  
Boston, MA

### [2013 University of Minnesota Summer Course in Adolescent Health](#)

Jul. 29-30 and Aug. 1  
St. Paul, MN

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