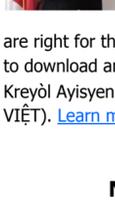


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HHS/Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), From Coverage to Care (C2C): New resource. *A Roadmap to Better Care and a Healthier You*. C2C is an initiative designed to help people with new health coverage understand their benefits and connect to primary care and the preventive services that are right for them. The C2C Roadmap is now available to download and print in Chinese/中文, Haitian Creole/Kreyòl Ayisyen, Korean/한국어 and Vietnamese/TIẾNG VIỆT). [Learn more.](#)

Welcome!

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Newsletter Spotlight



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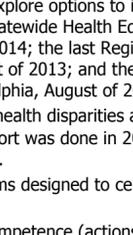
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Open Enrollment in the Health Insurance Marketplace is underway. Nearly 6.8 million consumers have selected plans since November 15. More issuers this year means more choices for individuals and families to find the plan the best suits their budget and health care needs. Open enrollment ends **February 15**. Have questions or need help? Call 1-800-318-2596 or visit HealthCare.gov or CuidadodeSalud.gov.

PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania Office of Health Equity (OHE) Profile



Dr. Hector R. Ortiz, OHE Director

Purpose/Mission Statement

The mission of the OHE is to create awareness of health inequities, advocate for the development of programs and collaborate with community-based organizations to address health inequities. One of the goals of the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH), OHE, is to raise awareness of health disparities and social determinants of health in the PADOH, as well as with the stakeholders throughout the commonwealth. The OHE has three primary functions or programs: reducing and eliminating health disparities, the Refugee Health Program and the Community Market Analysis Project.

Reducing and eliminating health disparities is achieved when we acknowledge cultural differences/similarities that influence values, principles and experiences.

This occurs through:

- Statewide conferences and regional summits where professionals come together to discuss health inequities and explore options to improve health outcomes for disparate populations. The last Statewide Health Equity Conference was successfully held in Harrisburg, August of 2014; the last Regional Health Equity Summit was organized in Pittsburgh, August of 2013; and the next Regional Health Equity Summit is being planned in Philadelphia, August of 2015.
- Researching and reporting on health disparities as they exist throughout the state. The last Health Disparities Report was done in 2012. The next Health Disparities Report will be updated in 2015.
- Developing community programs designed to celebrate our differences and provide resources for those in need.
- Internal trainings in cultural competence (actions, behaviors, attitudes and policies that create effective communication and cross-system interactions in an intercultural framework).
- Promoting best practices and evidence-based programs to better serve different populations.

FUNDING AND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Appalachia Culture of Health Research

Offers funding for research that will help determine how philanthropy is currently addressing/investing in health and wellness in Central Appalachia, and will help develop a vision for addressing Central Appalachia's health challenges.

Sponsor: Appalachia Funders Network

Due: February 1, 2015

Capacity Building to Support Replication of Evidence-Based Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Programs (Tier 1A) Grant:

Funded through HHS/Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH). [Learn more.](#)

Due: February 1, 2015

Replicating Evidence-Based TPP Programs to Scale in Communities with the Greatest Need (Tier 1B) Grant:

Funded through HHS/Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH). [Learn more.](#)

Due: February 1, 2015

Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program (Tribal SASP)

Letter of Intent (Optional): Feb 3, 2015

Application deadline: Feb 24, 2015

Provides funding directly to tribes, tribal organizations, and nonprofit tribal organizations to create, maintain, and expand sustainable sexual assault services.

Sponsor: Office on Violence Against Women

Due: February 24, 2015

Regional AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETC) Grant:

Funded through HHS/Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). [Learn more.](#)

Due: March 6, 2015

AETC National Coordinating Resource Center (NCRC) Cooperative Agreement:

Funded through HHS/Health Resources and Services Administration. [Learn more.](#)

Due: March 6, 2015

NIH Big Data to Knowledge (BD2K) - Enhancing Diversity in Biomedical Data Science (R25) Grant:

Funded through HHS/National Institutes of Health (NIH). [Learn more.](#)

Due: March 19, 2015

Indian Health Service Preparatory Scholarship

Provides scholarships for American Indian and Alaska Native students who are enrolled in undergraduate or preparatory courses in preparation for entry to health profession schools.

Sponsor: Indian Health Service

Due: March 28, 2015

NINDS Advanced Postdoctoral Career Transition Award to Promote Diversity in Neuroscience Research (K22)

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

The NINDS Advanced Postdoctoral Career Transition Award to Promote Diversity issued by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), National Institutes of Health (NIH), is designed to increase the number of highly trained early career investigators from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in neuroscience research. Faculty from diverse backgrounds represent only 5% of the tenure-stream neuroscience faculty (2009 Survey Report Neuroscience Departments and Programs). This opportunity provides individuals from diverse backgrounds with strong training in neuroscience with the resources and tools that will help facilitate a transition to a stable and productive independent research position. Individuals from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in neuroscience research are eligible for support under this award if they have doctoral research degrees (Ph.D., Ph.D./M.D. or equivalent) and between 2 and 5 years of post-doctoral research experience at the time of application. [Click here](#) for more information.

Due: May 7 2015

PHS 2014-02 Omnibus Solicitation of the NIH, CDC, FDA and ACF for Small Business Innovation Research Grant Applications (Parent SBIR [R43/R44])

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) issued by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) invites eligible United States small business concerns (SBCs) to submit Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant applications. United States SBCs that have the research capabilities and technological expertise to contribute to the R&D mission(s) of the NIH, CDC, FDA or ACF awarding components identified in this FOA are encouraged to submit SBIR grant applications in response to identified topics (see PHS 2014-2 SBIR/STTR Program Descriptions and Research Topics for NIH, CDC, FDA and ACF. [Click here](#) for more information

Due: Rolling deadline

Behavioral and Social Science Research on Understanding and Reducing Health Disparities (R01):

The purpose of this grant is to research the causes and solutions to health disparities between racial/ethnic populations, lower socioeconomic classes, and rural residents. Emphasis is placed on research among three broad areas of action: 1) public policy, 2) health care, and 3) disease/disability prevention. *Applications are due September 7, 2016.* For more information [click here.](#)

Due: September 7, 2016

Health Promotion Among Racial and Ethnic Minority Males (R21) National Institutes of Health.

Funding Opportunity Number: PA-13-331

Due: Sept 7, 2016

NIH Support for Conferences and Scientific Meetings: The purpose of the NIH Research Conference Grant (R13) and NIH Research Conference Cooperative Agreement (U13) Programs is to support high quality conferences that are relevant to the public health and to the scientific mission of the participating Institutes and Centers. *Applications are due September 7, 2016.* For more information [click here.](#)

Due: September 7, 2016

Reducing Health Disparities Among Minority and Underserved Children (R01) National Institutes of Health. Funding Opportunity Number: PA-14-033

Due: Jan 7, 2017

All opportunities can be accessed from <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/home.html>

NIMHD Funding Opportunities

<http://www.nimhd.nih.gov/funding/nimhdFO.html>

Innovations for Healthy Living - Improving Minority Health and Eliminating Health Disparities (R43)
[RFA-MD-15-004](#)

Technologies for Improving Minority Health and Eliminating Health Disparities (R41/R42)
[RFA-MD-15-003](#)

NIMHD Academic Research Enhancement Award: Enhancing Health Disparities Research at Undergraduate Institutions (R15)
[RFA-MD-15-002](#)

System-Level Health Services and Policy Research on Health Disparities (R01)
[RFA-MD-15-001](#)

Notice of Participation of NIMHD in PA-13-118 "Mechanisms, Models, Measurement, & Management in Pain Research (R01)"
[NOT-MD-14-007](#)

Notice of Participation of NIMHD in PAR-14-323 "Understanding Factors in Infancy and Early Childhood (Birth to 24 months) that Influence Obesity Development (R01)"
[NOT-MD-14-006](#)

Request for Information (RFI): Behavioral Interventions to Prevent HIV Infection among Diverse Young Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM)
[NOT-MD-14-010](#)

Notice of National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) Participation in PA-13-302 "Research Project Grant (Parent R01)"
[NOT-MD-14-003](#)

Notice of Expiration of RFA-MD-14-005 "NIMHD Basic and Applied Biomedical Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities (R01)"
[NOT-MD-14-005](#)

Notice of Expiration of RFA-MD-14-004 "NIMHD Social, Behavioral, Health Services, and Policy Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities (R01)"
[NOT-MD-14-004](#)

Notice of Cancellation of RFA-MD-14-002 "Limited Competition: Transdisciplinary Collaborative Centers for Health Disparities Research Coordination Center (U54)"
[NOT-MD-14-002](#)

NON-FEDERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Prevent Blindness: 2015 Joanne Angle Investigator Award. This award provides funding for research investigating public health related to eye health and safety. [Learn more.](#)

Due: March 6, 2015

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

• **US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the 1890 Historically Black Land-Grant Universities:** USDA/1890 National Scholars Program. Provides full tuition, employment, employee benefits, fees, books, and room and board to students pursuing a bachelor's degree at Historically Black Land-Grant Universities. **Deadline is February 1, 2015.** [Learn more.](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH VISIT

www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov

INITIATIVES

- Million Hearts—with a focus on 100 Congregation Initiative
- Establish and strengthen collaborations and partnerships, with a focus on HBCUs and private partners
- Developing regional activities on priority prevention initiatives (behavioral health and asthma)
- Promote collection of data by race and ethnicity
- Health Literacy and Cultural Competency
- Tobacco-Free College Campus Initiative
- Vaccines (esp. HPV and flu)
- ACA and Health Insurance Marketplace outreach and education
- My Brother's Keeper