

Center for Healthcare Research and Quality

FUNDING ALERT

Ongoing Intramural Grant Opportunity for Health Services Research

The Center for Healthcare Research and Quality announces an ongoing opportunity for pilot grant funding in Health Services Research. The Office of Research is encouraging applications to the intramural grant program for research to study and improve the organization, financing, delivery and outcomes of health care. Depending on the quality of proposals, one or more proposals in this area will be funded at each cycle. Funding of up to \$15,000 is for 12 months.

Deadlines: January 22, 2003 and April 16, 2003.

Details: www.phs.wfubmc.edu/chrq/index.htm

Translational Research in Dental Practice-Based Tobacco Control Interventions

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) are committed to stimulating innovative research on dental practice-based tobacco control interventions, as well as studies which use dentistry as a model to clarify processes underlying or influencing the translation of research findings into clinical practice. Tobacco control provides an important, public health-relevant venue for studying the translation of basic and clinical research findings into clinical practice. Clear, science-based clinical guidelines for implementing tobacco prevention and tobacco cessation are available. Also, numerous studies have documented harmful impacts of tobacco use on oral diseases and dental treatment outcomes. As yet, however, evidence suggests that the preponderance of US dental clinicians are not utilizing optimal science-based approaches to prevent or reduce the use of oral health-harming smoked or smokeless tobacco products.

This RFA aims to stimulate research to:

- 1) develop and test interventions that translate findings from alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention and treatment research into effective, dental practice-based tobacco control strategies,
- 2) translate findings from theoretically-grounded basic or behavioral science research into effective dental practice-based tobacco control strategies, or
- 3) clarify processes that underlie or influence the translation of tobacco-related knowledge into clinical dental practice.

Deadline: March 24, 2003

Information: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DE-03-007.html>

Medicaid Managed Care Program Awards and Grants

Through the Medicaid Managed Care Program, a \$60-million national initiative of The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS) is accepting proposals of up to \$100,000 from state Medicaid and SCHIP agencies, health plans, consumer organizations, health services researchers, and policy analysts for best practice projects. These should identify or develop and test operationally relevant, innovative practices that address one or more of CHCS' five quality aims:

- Improving access to usual source of care and appropriate specialty services.
- Increasing use of effective preventive care services.
- Preventing unnecessary hospitalizations and institutionalizations.
- Promoting clinical quality using accepted standards of care.
- Building organizational capacity to improve managed care services.

Policy studies funded in this area may provide analysis of market trends of federal, state, and health plan policies, or may take the form of guides documenting best practices in management and operations of Medicaid and SCHIP managed care.

Deadline: Continuous

Information: <http://www.chcs.org/grantinfo/mmcp.html>

Institutional Help: Contact Jeffrey Swaim in the Office of Development at 716-3040 for assistance with this Foundation application.

This is the tenth in a series of contributions by the WFUBMC Center for Healthcare Research and Quality (CHRQ). CHRQ works with the Department of Outcomes Management/Value Analysis and Hospital Administration to identify and pursue opportunities for research partnerships between the Hospital and the School of Medicine. Funding opportunities highlighted in Pursuit focus on hospital operations initiatives, performance improvement, translation of evidence-based medicine into practice, and quality of care research. The primary mission of the Center for Healthcare Research and Quality (CHRQ) is to study and improve the organization, financing, delivery and outcomes of healthcare provided to patients across a wide spectrum of medical conditions. CHRQ activities enhance the healthcare research capacity and operational efficiency of the Medical Center.

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