

pursuant to § 225.28(b)(9)(ii) of Regulation Y.

Comments on this application must be received by September 17, 1999.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, August 30, 1999.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Associate Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation

#### Technical Review Panel on the Medicare Trustees Reports; Notice of Establishment

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) announces the establishment by the Secretary of the Technical Review Panel on the Medicare Trustees Reports.

The Panel shall review the assumptions and methods underlying the Hospital Insurance and Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund annual reports. The panel's review shall include the following four topics:

1. Medicare assumptions (e.g., utilization rates, medical price increases).
2. Projection methodology (how assumptions are used to make cost projections).
3. Long-range growth assumptions for HI and SMI.
4. Use of stochastic forecasting techniques.

The Panel shall terminate on August 12, 2001, unless the Secretary, DHHS, formally determines that continuance is in the public interest.

Dated: August 30, 1999.

**Margaret A. Hamburg,**

*Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of Public Health and Science; Announcement of Availability of Grant for Family Planning General Training

**AGENCY:** Office of Family Planning, OPA, OPHS, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Family Planning (OFP) of the Office of Population Affairs

(OPA) requests applications for a grant under the Family Planning Service Training Program authorized under section 1003 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act. Funds are available to provide training, with a specific focus on male reproductive health, for personnel in OFP-funded family planning services projects. It is anticipated that one grantee will be funded to serve as the training site.

**DATES:** To receive consideration, applications must be received by the Office of Grants Management, Office of Population Affairs no later than October 4, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Application kits may be obtained from and applications must be submitted to the Grants Management Office, Office of Population Affairs, 4350 East-West Highway, Suite 200, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

*Program Requirements:* George Jones, Office of Family Planning, OPA, (301) 594-4014.

*Administrative and Budgetary Requirements:* Andrea Brandon, Office of Grants Management, OPA, (301) 594-6554.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Title X of the PHS Act, 42 U.S.C. 300, *et seq.*, authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants for projects to provide training for family planning service personnel. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number 93.260). This notice announces the availability of approximately \$450,000-\$475,000 in funding and solicits applications for one training project which will provide training for personnel providing family planning/reproductive health-related information and services specifically targeted to males served by family planning agencies throughout the United States.

#### Statutory and Regulatory Background:

Title X of the PHS Act, enacted by Pub. L. 91-572, authorizes programs related to family planning. The family planning services program authorized by section 1001 of Title X is required by law to provide family planning services, including education and counseling, to all persons desiring such services. Section 1003 of the Act, as amended, authorizes the Secretary to make grants to entities to provide training for personnel to carry out the family planning service programs authorized by section 1001. Implementing regulations for family planning services training appear at 42 CFR part 59, subpart C. Prospective applicants should refer to the regulations in their entirety.

#### Purpose of the Grant

Within the last several years, Federal and private sector programs have begun to focus more attention on male involvement in family planning and reproductive health-related issues, as evidenced by the President's Fatherhood Initiative, the Department of Health and Human Services' National Strategy to Reduce Teen Pregnancy, the "Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996," and the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. Research has shown that males are both interested in and want to play an active role in reproductive health decision-making, and that males will participate in reproductive health programs if they are offered in an appropriate manner. Recognizing the need for increased emphasis on male family planning/reproductive health services, in 1997 the Office of Family Planning began funding a number of community-based organizations to encourage the investigation and development of approaches that facilitate the provision of family planning/reproductive health-related information and services to males, and approaches that involve males in building community support for the prevention of unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases (STD). Currently, many of these projects are funded under section 1001 of the Act, as part of existing services projects funded under section 1001.

While it is now recognized that addressing male reproductive health needs is important, there is currently little in the published literature about the standard for providing reproductive health services for males. Most of what is currently known about male reproductive health and reproductive behavior has come from either small studies or from a few national surveys that were conducted on a one-time basis. Our current understanding about what types of communication are most effective in providing training to males and male-oriented organizations around issues of family planning/reproductive health is also severely limited.

There are a number of research efforts that are recent or are currently under way that will help us gain a clearer understanding of male sexual and reproductive behaviors and attitudes. This will aid us in identifying reproductive health care service standards and strategies for effectively providing services to males. An ongoing national survey, the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS) collects some data on sexual behavior—among other health risk behaviors—for

youth, both male and female. Other national surveys that have collected information about male reproductive behavior include: The National Health and Social Life Survey (1994); the National Survey of Men (1993); the Survey of Adolescent Males (1988, 1995); and the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (AddHEALTH). Examples of research efforts currently under way include: (1) A male sample in the upcoming (2001) cycle of the National Survey of Family Growth, and (2) a study by the Urban Institute addressing reproductive health needs for young men.

It is clear that training personnel of agencies that provide family planning/reproductive health services to males will require a unique type of organization that will be able to continuously incorporate science-based information as it becomes available in all phases of training design, delivery and evaluation.

This announcement seeks to fund a training program that will use science-based information and approaches in all aspects of training Title X service grantee employees, to facilitate the effective delivery of family planning/reproductive health related information and services to males. In addition, the funded training program will provide training consultation to a variety of Title X providers, including other Title X training grantees, regarding family planning/reproductive health for males. The purpose of this training program is to ensure that programs serving males have the skills, knowledge and abilities necessary for effectively planning, implementing and evaluating their programs.

#### **Role and Operation of the Training Program**

Under the regulations set out at 42 CFR part 59, subpart C, "training" is defined as "job-specific skill development, the purpose of which is to promote and improve the delivery of family planning services." The program funded under this announcement will be responsible for providing training to personnel working in family planning service agencies that provide family planning/reproductive health information and services specifically targeted to males.

The successful applicant must have extensive experience working with males and male-oriented organizations, and with delivering training and other services to males. Evidence that substantiates a history of the applicant's provision of services that are both relevant and sensitive to ethnic and cultural diversity must be provided. The

ability to incorporate research findings throughout the design, delivery and evaluation of all training efforts must be evident. The successful applicant must have experience in evaluation, with emphasis on areas such as organization, program planning, curriculum development and utilization, and the effectiveness of various types of electronic technology for training.

The training grantee will be required to design, deliver and evaluate training for personnel in OFP-funded family planning services projects that focuses on the reproductive health needs of males. The training grantee will also provide a venue for exchanging information with other Title X General Training grantees on male reproductive health needs and services.

Evidence must be provided to support the applicant's capability for providing training on core organizational infrastructure components that are needed to operate a health-related or public health program within a larger service organization. For the purpose of this announcement, example of core organizational infrastructure components may include program planning, administration, implementation and evaluation. The diversity of training needs will necessitate the use of electronic technologies as an integral part of training and evaluation design.

The training plan should reflect the applicant's ability to incorporate public health initiatives in training plan design, such as Healthy People 2000 health promotion and disease prevention objectives for family planning, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) priorities of assuring a healthy start for every child by increasing the proportion of pregnancies that are intended, promoting personal responsibility for healthy lifestyles, and addressing the elimination of racial and ethnic disparities in health as identified by the President's Initiative on Race.

The Title X family planning program priorities complement the DHHS priorities and focus on the fundamental purpose of Title X. The Title X program priorities and other key issues that are impacting family planning should be integrated into the training plan.

The Title X program priorities are listed below:

- Expansion and enhancement of the quality of clinical reproductive health services through partnerships with entities that have related interest and that work with similar priority populations;
- Increased emphasis on services to adolescents, including emphasis on

postponement of sexual activity and more accessible provision of contraceptive counseling and services;

- Increased services to hard-to-reach populations by partnering with community-based organizations and others that have a stake in the prevention of unintended pregnancy;

• Expansion of comprehensiveness of reproductive health services, including STD and cancer screening and prevention, HIV prevention, education and counseling, and substance abuse screening and referral;

- Increased services to males, emphasizing shared responsibility for preventing unintended pregnancy and STD/HIV infection.

Other key issues that are impacting the current and future delivery of family planning/reproductive health services include: (1) Medicaid waivers and managed care; (2) implications of welfare reform and other issues that are affecting family planning services, such as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) as well as other Federal and State initiatives; (3) electronic technology; (4) research findings; and (5) legislative mandates, such as counseling teens on involving families and avoiding coercive sexual relationships.

#### **Project Requirements and Management:**

The successful applicant will be required to work closely with the OFP Project Officer, the ten PHS regional offices, and with a network of other public and private institutions and entities in its training program. All training must meet the applicable requirements of the Title X statute and training regulations and be consistent with the Title X program priorities listed above. The training plans and all training events must be approved by the OFP Project Officer or designee prior to implementation.

The successful applicant will be responsible for the overall management of training activities for which the grant is made. This responsibility includes:

- (1) In collaboration with the OFP Project Officer, designing, implementing, and evaluating a training program which incorporates the use of science-based research and evaluation, client input, and various training methodologies, such as the use of electronic technologies. The training program must be implemented within 120 days after the initial notice of grant award and should budget for the following:

- (a) Two one-week on-site training sessions for up to 40 participants each; the training grantee will assume all

costs associated with training, including room and board (but not including travel to and from training site or personal expenses);

(b) A minimum of thirty one-day training sessions on various topics. Sessions may be on-site or off-site, and electronic technology may be used. The training grantee is not responsible for trainee expenses for these one-day sessions;

(2) Maintaining a system for ongoing retrieval and dissemination of public health information and research findings related to male-productive health from a variety of public and private institutions and entities;

(3) Maintaining a system for providing ongoing science-based information to family planning service projects, and other providers serving the target population;

(4) Maintaining formal working relationships with multiple disciplines within public and private institutions for carrying out the objectives of the training program;

(5) Developing a working relationship with current Title X service and training grantees that promotes the inclusion of male reproductive health needs and services;

(6) Developing admissions policies and procedures, and criteria for selection of candidates for training. Criteria should reflect a sensitivity to the unique needs or grantees or trainees for certain types of training. These policies and procedures must be submitted to the OFP Project Officer for review and approval within 120 days after the initial notice of grant award;

(7) Developing and implementing an ongoing evaluation plan for the total training program that allows for evaluation of each training program component;

(8) Providing semi-annual progress reports of OFP covering all aspects of the training program;

(9) Making available at cost all materials developed with Title X funds to other Title X projects upon request; and

(10) Participating in at least two meetings with the Office of Family Planning annually.

**Application Requirements:** Any public or private nonprofit organization is eligible to apply for a grant. An award will be made only to an organization or agency which has demonstrated the capability of providing the proposed services, and which has met all applicable requirements.

Applications must be submitted on the form PHS-5161-1, Revised 6/99 (<http://forms.psc.gov/phsforms.htm>) and in the manner prescribed in the

application kit in order to be considered complete. Applicants are required to submit an application signed by an individual authorized to act for the applicant agency or organization and to assume for the organization the obligations imposed by the terms and conditions of the grant award. Applicants are required to submit an original application and two copies.

A copy of the Title X legislation and regulations that govern this program will be sent to applicants as part of the application kit package. Copies of the Healthy People 2000 Objectives for Family Planning and the DHHS documents on Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health will also be sent as part of the application kit package. Applicants should use the legislation, regulations and other information included in the application kit for this announcement to guide them in developing their applications.

Applications should be limited to 50 double-spaced pages, not including appendices providing curriculum vitae, training designs, or statements of organizational capabilities. An award will be made only to an applicant who has met all applicable requirements.

Applications must be received on or before the deadline date to be accepted for review. An application received after the deadline may be acceptable if it carries a legible proof-of-mailing date assigned by the carrier and the proof-of-mailing date is not later than one week prior to the deadline date. Private metered postmarks will not be accepted as proof of timely mailing. Applications which are received by the Office of Grants Management after the deadline will not be accepted for review. Applications which do not conform to the requirements of this program announcement or meet the applicable parts of 42 CFR part 59, subpart C, will not be accepted for review. Applicants will be so notified and applications will be returned.

Accepted applications will be subjected to a competitive review process. The results of this review will assist the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Population Affairs in considering competing applications and in making the final funding decision.

**Application Consideration and Assessment:** Eligible competing grant applications will be reviewed by a multidisciplinary panel of independent reviewers and will be assessed against the following criteria:

(1) The extent to which the proposed training program will increase the ability of family planning services projects to deliver services primarily to males with a high percentage of unmet

need for family planning services. (5 points);

(2) The extent of which the proposed training program promises to fulfill the family planning services delivery needs of the area to be served, as evidenced by the applicant's ability to address: (a) requirements set out under "Role and Operation of the Training Program;" (b) development of a capability within family planning services projects with a male-services component to provide pre- and in-service training to their own staffs; and (c) improvement of the family planning/reproductive health skills of personnel in family planning services project that have a male-services component. (25 points);

(3) The capacity of the applicant to make rapid and effective use of the training grant, as evidence by the applicant's ability to implement the training program within 120 days of receiving the grant. (5 points);

(4) The administrative and management capability and competence of the applicant. (10 points);

(5) The competence of the project staff in relation to the services to be provided, including the applicant's history of male-focused research, training and services to males, and the ability to document relevant previous experience and formal linkages with public and private entities that have a specific focus on males (e.g., universities with an array of relevant disciplines, research institutions, federal and/or state program). (30 points); and

(6) The degree to which the project plan adequately provides for the requirements set forth in 42 CFR 59.205, including the applicant's presentation of the project's objective, the methods for achieving project objectives, the ability to involve providers and the results or benefits expected. (25 points).

In making grant award decisions, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Population Affairs (DASPA) will fund one project which will, in her judgment, best promote the purposes of section 1003 of the Act, within the limits of funds available for such project.

The grant will be available for a project period of up to three years and will be funded in annual increments (budget periods). Funding for all approved budget periods beyond the first year of the grant is contingent upon satisfactory progress of the project, efficient and effective use of grant funds provided, and the availability of funds.

**Review Under Executive Order 12372:** Applicants under this announcement are subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal

Programs," as implemented by 45 CFR part 100, "Intergovernmental Review of Department of Health and Human Services Programs and Activities." As soon as possible, the applicant should discuss the project with the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for the state in which the applicant is located. The application kit contains the currently available listing of the SPOCs which have elected to be informed of the submission of applications. For those states not represented on the listing, further inquiries should be made by the applicant regarding the submission to the relevant SPOC. The SPOC's comment(s) should be forwarded to the Office of Grants Management, Office of Population Affairs, 4350 East-West Highway, Suite 200, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Such comments must be received by the Office of Population Affairs within 60 days of the closing date of this announcement, listed under **DATES** above.

When final funding decisions have been made, each applicant will be notified by letter of the outcome. The official document notifying an applicant that a project application has been approved for funding is the Notice of Grant Award, which specifies to the grantee the amount of money awarded, the purposes of the grant, and terms and conditions of the grant award.

Dated: August 30, 1999.

**Denese O. Shervington,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Population Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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### Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer on (404) 639-7090.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques for other forms of information technology. Send comments to Seleda Perryman, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D24, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

### Proposed Project

1. Interstate shipment of etiologic agents are regulated by 42 CFR part 7. This rule establishes minimal packaging

requirements for all viable microorganisms, illustrates the appropriate shipping label, and provides reporting instructions regarding damaged packages and failure to receive a shipment. In recent years the threat of illegitimate use of infectious agents has attracted increasing interest from the perspective of public health. CDC is concerned about the possibility that the interstate transportation of certain infectious agents could have adverse consequences for human health and safety. CDC has already requested that all those entities that ship dangerous human infectious agents exercise increased vigilance prior to shipment to minimize the risk of illicit access to infectious agents. Of special concern are pathogens and toxins causing anthrax, botulism, brucellosis, plague, Q fever, tularemia, and all agents classified for work at Biosafety Level 4. This information collection ensures that selected infectious agents are not shipped to parties ill-equipped to handle them appropriately, or who do not have legitimate reasons to use them and to implement a system whereby scientists and researchers involved in legitimate research may continue transferring and receiving these agents without undue burdens. Respondents include laboratory facilities such as those operated by government agencies, universities, research institutions, and commercial entities. This request is for the information collection requirements contained in 42 CFR 71.54, 72.3(e) and 72.4 relating to the importation and shipment of etiologic agents. The complete request for clearance is currently under development at CDC and this request for a 6-month extension will ensure that data collection activities remain in effect through the clearance process. The total maximum cost to respondents is \$1,000,000.

CFR section	Number of respondents	Number of responses/respondents	Average burden/responses (in hrs.)	Total burden (in hrs.)
Application for Permit .....	1,000	1	20/60	333
72.3(3) .....	50	1	3/60	3
72.4 .....	2	1	3/60	1
72.6 (a) .....	1,000	1	15/60	250
72.6 (d) .....	1,000	3	30/60	1,500
72.6 (e) .....	120	21	10/60	420
72.6 (f) .....	1,000	3	8/60	400
Total .....				2,907