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HHS Awards \$23 Million in Grants to Improve MCH Services

HHS Secretary Mike Leavitt today announced awards totaling \$23.1 million to expand services at hemophilia treatment centers, improve care for infants with or at risk for sickle cell disease, and support a broad range of maternal and child health (MCH) services. The awards were made through HHS' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

"Meeting the health care needs of women and children is a vital element of our national effort to promote overall public health," Secretary Leavitt said. "Funds from these grant programs expand access to services mothers and young people need to lead healthier, more productive lives."

HRSA's Hemophilia Treatment Centers program, which made 12 awards worth \$5.3 million, supports comprehensive care, including genetic and other counseling, for people with hemophilia and their families. Services are provided through regional networks of centers that specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of hemophilia and related bleeding disorders. Hemophilia is characterized by delayed clotting of the blood that can result in difficulty controlling bleeding after even minor injuries.

Eighteen awards totaling more than \$3.8 million will improve services for infants who have or are carriers for sickle cell disease, an inherited red blood cell condition characterized by chronic, severe anemia, infections and periodic pain. Awards will support follow-up services for newborns and their families, including extended family testing, counseling and education. State newborn screening programs, comprehensive sickle cell treatment centers, and health care professionals will link with community-based organizations to provide these services.

The following grants will improve services for children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN), support the training and education of MCH professionals and students preparing for careers in public health, enhance understanding of the importance of MCH services, and help women lose weight and improve their health.

- Four cooperative agreements totaling \$2 million will collect and interpret data to establish systems of care for CYSHCN and assist State Title V programs, and family and youth leaders in their work at the community level.
- Twelve grants totaling almost \$3.6 million, awarded to universities and departments of health, will help states provide health services to CYSHCN that are culturally competent and family-centered. The grants and cooperative agreements support President Bush's New Freedom Initiative to include CYSHCN in community life by improving their health services.
- Twelve grants worth more than \$4.2 million from the MCH Public Health Training Program will support interdisciplinary public health programs that prepare students for MCH careers.

- The new Improving Understanding of MCH and Health Care Issues Program, funded at \$2 million, supports five-year projects to help officials of influential governmental, business, professional and health organizations learn more about MCH issues and make better-informed decisions on health care policy affecting women and children.
- A complementary program, Partnerships to Promote Maternal and Child Health, will award grants worth \$1.2 million this year to support national organizations in helping their members improve MCH and related public health programs at the national, state and local levels.
- The Healthy Behaviors in Women Program funds four three-year projects totaling almost \$600,000 to develop innovative approaches to reduce the prevalence of overweight and obesity in women by helping women adopt healthier lifestyles. Intervention focuses on women who have limited access to preventive health services and links them with community resources.
- And three grants worth nearly \$400,000, awarded through the MCH Distance Learning Grant Program, will support the development, implementation and evaluation of distance education for MCH professionals, who access education courses via computer and video to bolster skills while continuing to work.

Tables containing information on grantees and their FY 2005 awards follow below, in the order in which grant programs are mentioned in the text:

Hemophilia Treatment Centers Grant Program, FY 2005

<i>Organization</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Children's Hospital of Orange County	Orange	Calif	\$779,864
U. of Colorado at Denver/Health Sciences Ctr.	Denver	Colo.	351,207
Hemophilia of Georgia, Inc.	Atlanta	Ga.	249,674
University of Massachusetts	Worcester	Mass.	340,900
Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan	Ypsilanti	Mich.	398,485
Children's Mercy Hospital	Kansas City	Mo.	405,000
Mount Sinai School of Medicine	New York	N.Y.	649,624
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Chapel Hill	N.C.	360,000
Oregon Health and Sciences University	Portland	Ore.	201,661
Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	Pa.	579,098
U. of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	Houston	Texas	497,344
Great Lakes Hemophilia Foundation, Inc.	Milwaukee	Wis.	487,143
Total:			\$5,300,000

Sickle Cell Disease and Newborn Screening Program, FY 2005

<i>Organization</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Amount</i>
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences	Little Rock	Ark.	\$183,000
Sickle Cell Disease Foundation of California	Culver City	Calif.	183,000
Children's Hospital and Research Center	Oakland	Calif.	183,000
Hospital for Special Care	New Britain	Conn.	183,000
Howard University	Washington	D.C.	183,000

South Broward Hospital District	Hollywood	Fla.	183,000
Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia, Inc.	Atlanta	Ga.	183,000
Hawaii Department of Health	Honolulu	Hawaii	183,000
Sickle Cell Disease Association of Illinois	Chicago	Ill.	183,000
Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc. (cooperative agreement)	Baltimore	Md.	726,633
Michigan Department of Community Health	Lansing	Mich.	183,000
Brookdale Univ. Hospital Medical Center	Brooklyn	N.Y.	183,000
Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center	Bronx	N.Y.	183,000
Sickle Cell Disease Assn. of the Piedmont	Greensboro	N.C.	183,000
Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pa.	183,000
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital	Memphis	Tenn.	183,000
Sickle Cell Disease Assn., Dallas Chapter	Dallas	Texas	183,000
Children's Hospital & Regional Medical Ctr.	Seattle	Wash.	183,000
Total:			\$3,837,633

**Cooperative Agreements to Establish an Evidence Base for Systems of Care for
CSHCN, FY 2005**

Organization	City	State	Amount
Massachusetts General Hospital	Boston	Mass.	\$299,782
National Center on Health Insurance and Financing for CSHCN at Boston University	Boston	Mass.	498,915
National Center for Cultural Competence for CSHCN at Georgetown University	Washington	D.C.	525,000
Nat'l Ctr. for Family/Professional Partnerships for CSHCN through Family Voices, Inc.	Albuquerque	N.M.	725,000
Total:			\$2,048,697

**State Implementation Grants for Integrated Community Systems of Services for
CSHCN, FY 2005**

Organization	City	State	Amount
Arizona Department of Health Service	Phoenix	Ariz.	\$300,000
Children's Hospital Los Angeles	Los Angeles	Calif.	297,636
Family Institute for Family Involvement	Crawfordville	Fla.	299,850
State of Hawaii Department of Health	Honolulu	Hawaii	300,000
University of Iowa	Iowa City	Iowa	300,000
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	Boston	Mass.	300,000
Minnesota Department of Health	St. Paul	Minn.	300,000
Board of Regents, University of Oklahoma	Okla. City	Okla.	298,498

Oregon Health & Sciences University	Portland	Ore.	300,000
S.C. Dept. of Health and Environmental Control	Columbia	S.C.	300,000
Utah Department of Health	Salt Lake City	Utah	300,000
Wisconsin Department of Health	Madison	Wis.	292,579
Total:			\$3,588,563

MCH Public Health Training Program, FY 2005

<i>Organization</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Ammount</i>
University of Alabama at Birmingham	Birmingham	Ala.	\$402,963
University of Arizona	Tucson	Ariz.	348,000
Regents of the University of California	Berkeley	Calif.	325,000
Regents of the University of California	Los Angeles	Calif.	347,000
University of Illinois at Chicago	Chicago	Ill.	380,000
Tulane University	New Orleans	La.	324,771
The Johns Hopkins University	Baltimore	Md.	337,000
Trustees of Boston University	Boston	Mass.	378,082
Harvard Univ., School of Public Health	Boston	Mass.	315,000
University of Minnesota	Minneapolis	Minn.	347,000
University of North Carolina	Chapel Hill	N.C.	337,000
University of Washington	Seattle	Wash.	377,896
Total:			\$4,219,712

Improving Understanding of MCH and Health Care Issues Program, FY 2005

<i>Organization</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Ammount</i>
National Conference of State Legislatures	Denver	Colo.	\$200,000
National Conference of State Legislatures (four-organization consortium)	Denver	Colo.	200,000
Grantmakers in Health	Washington	D.C.	200,000
National Business Group on Health	Washington	D.C.	199,980
National Governors Association	Washington	D.C.	200,000
National Institute for Health Care Management	Washington	D.C.	200,000
Assoc. of State and Territorial Health Officials	Washington	D.C.	200,000
Nat'l Assn. of County & City Health Officials	Washington	D.C.	200,000
American Bar Association	Washington	D.C.	197,289
Grantmakers for Children, Youth and Families	Silver Spring	Md.	200,000

Total:

\$1,997,269

Partnerships to Promote Maternal and Child Health Program, FY 2005

Organization	City	State	Amount
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry	Chicago	Ill.	\$200,000
National Healthy Start Association	Baltimore	Md.	200,000
Family Voices Inc.	Albuquerque	N.M.	200,000
Today's Child Communications Inc.	New York	N.Y.	200,000
University of Nebraska Medical Center	Omaha	Neb.	150,000
University of Nebraska Medical Center	Omaha	Neb.	250,000
Total:			\$1,200,000

Healthy Behaviors in Women Program, FY 2005

Organization	City	State	Amount
Mariposa Community Health Center, Inc	Nogales	Ariz.	\$144,779
Christiana Care Health Services, Inc.	Wilmington	Del.	144,779
Orange County Health Department	Orlando	Fla.	144,778
Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians	Odanah	Wis.	144,779
Total:			\$579,115

MCH Distance Learning Program, FY 2005

Organization	City	State	Amount
Children's Hospital	Boston	Mass.	\$130,000
U. of Massachusetts Medical School	Worcester	Mass.	129,751
Regents of the Univ. of Minnesota	Minneapolis	Minn.	129,911
Total:			\$389,662

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