

## **HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM**

The purpose of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Health Services Research Grant Program is to support HBCU researchers in carrying out health services research activities to meet the needs of diverse CMS beneficiary populations. This is the 13<sup>th</sup> year for the grant program. The goals of the grant program are to: 1) encourage HBCU health services researchers to pursue research issues which impact the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP programs, 2) assist CMS in implementing its mission focusing on health care quality and improvement for its beneficiaries, 3) assist HBCU researchers by supporting extramural research in health care capacity development activities for the African American communities, 4) increase the pool of HBCU researchers capable of implementing the research, demonstration, and evaluation activities of CMS, and 5) assist in fostering interuniversity communication and collaboration regarding African American health disparity issues.

Funding is available for grants to implement research related to health care delivery and health financing issues affecting the African American community, including issues of access to health care, utilization of health care services, health outcomes, quality of services, cost of care, health and racial disparities, socio-economic differences, cultural barriers, managed care systems, and activities related to health screening, prevention, outreach, and education. Eligible researchers may request \$100,000 per year for up to two (2) years for these grants.

To be eligible for grants under this program, an organization must be an HBCU and meet one of the following three requirements: 1) offer a Ph.D. or Master's Degree Program in one or more of the following disciplines Allied Health, Gerontology, Health Care Administration, Nursing, Pharmacology, Public Health, Public Policy, Social Work; or 2) have a School of Medicine; or 3) be a member of the National HBCU Research Network for Health Services and Health Disparities.

### **Schedule for FY 2009 Grant Announcement**

The FY 2009 HBCU Grant Program announcement has been posted. Applicants must apply electronically by visiting the Web site <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/GrantOpportunities/> and following instructions under Section IV "APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION." Awards will be announced in September 2009. To also receive a hard copy of the FY 2009 announcement, application forms, and instructions or to obtain further information about this program, applicants may contact:

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