

physical therapy and radiologic technology. In addition, priority among allied health applicants will be given to dental hygiene. A priority for dental hygiene will be implemented by taking the total funds allocated to the allied health disciplines in the initial allocation and recalculating this part of the allocation. Dental hygiene schools will receive double credit for their disadvantaged enrollments in the reallocation of the allied health funds.

### National Health Objectives for the Year 2000

The Public Health Service is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of Healthy People 2000, a PHS-led national activity for setting priority areas. The Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students program is related to the priority area of Educational and Community-Based Programs. Potential applicants may obtain a copy of Healthy People 2000 (Full Report; Stock No. 017-001-00474-0) or Healthy People 2000 (Summary Report; Stock No. 017-001-00473-1) through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402-9325 (Telephone (202) 783-3238).

### Smoke-Free Workplace

The Public Health Service strongly encourages all grant recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the non-use of all tobacco products, and Public Law 103-227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities that receive Federal funds in which education, library, day care, health care, and early childhood development services are provided to children.

### Paperwork Reduction Act

The application form and instructions for this program have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The OMB clearance number is 0915-0149.

### Application Requests

Applications are not required from schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, optometry, podiatric medicine, veterinary medicine, nursing, public health, clinical psychology and allied health which received SDS awards in FY 94. Upon request, applications will be mailed to schools in the disciplines identified above which did not participate in the SDS program in FY 94.

Requests for grant application materials and questions regarding business management and program policy should be directed to: Mr. Bruce Baggett, Chief, Student and Institutional Support Branch, Division of Student Assistance, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 8-34, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Telephone: (301) 443-4776; FAX: (301) 594-6911.

The application deadline date for new schools is August 17, 1995.

Applications shall be considered as meeting the deadline if they are either:

- (1) Received on or before the established deadline date, or
- (2) Sent on or before the established deadline and received in time for orderly processing. (Applicants should request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or the U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks shall not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing.)

Late applications not accepted for processing will be returned to the applicant.

The *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance* Number for the Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students program is 93.925. This program is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs (as implemented through 45 CFR part 100).

This program is not subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements.

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### "Low Income Levels" for Health Professions and Nursing Programs

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is updating income levels used to identify a "low income family" for the purpose of providing training for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds under various health professions and nursing programs included in titles VII and VIII of the Public Health Service Act (the Act).

The Department periodically publishes in the **Federal Register** low income levels used by the Public Health Service for grants and cooperative agreements to institutions providing training for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. A "low

income level" is one of the factors taken into consideration to determine if an individual qualifies as a disadvantaged student for purposes of health professions and nursing programs.

The programs under the Act that use "low income levels" as one of the factors in determining disadvantaged backgrounds include the Health Careers Opportunity Program, section 740, the Program of Financial Assistance for Disadvantaged Health Professions Students, section 740(a)(2)(F), and Nursing Education Opportunities for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds, section 827. Loans to Disadvantaged Students, section 724, Scholarships for Health Professions Students from Disadvantaged Backgrounds, section 737, Disadvantaged Health Professions Faculty Loan Repayment and Fellowships Program, section 738 were added to title VII by the Disadvantaged Minority Health Improvement Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-527) and are also using the low income levels. Other factors used in determining "disadvantaged backgrounds" are included in individual program regulations and guidelines.

### Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP), Section 740

This program awards grants to accredited schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, public health, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, pharmacy, allied health, podiatric medicine, chiropractic and public or nonprofit private schools which offer graduate programs in clinical psychology, and other public or private nonprofit health or educational entities to assist individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds to enter and graduate from health professions schools.

### Financial Assistance for Disadvantaged Health Professions Students (FADHPS), Section 740(a)(2)(F)

This program awards grants to accredited schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, and dentistry to provide financial assistance to individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who are of exceptional financial need, to help pay for their health professions education. The provision of these scholarships shall be subject to section 795 relating to residency training and practice in primary health care.

*Nursing Education Opportunities for Individuals From Disadvantaged Backgrounds, Section 827*

This program awards grants to public and nonprofit private schools of nursing and other public or nonprofit private entities to meet costs of special projects to increase nursing education opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds.

*Loans to Disadvantaged Students, Section 724*

This program makes awards to certain accredited schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, optometry, pharmacy, podiatric medicine, and veterinary medicine for financially needy students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

*Scholarships for Health Professions Students From Disadvantaged Backgrounds, Section 737*

This program awards grants to schools of medicine, nursing, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, podiatric medicine, optometry, veterinary medicine, allied health, or public health, or schools that offer graduate programs in clinical psychology for the purpose of assisting such schools in providing scholarships to individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who enrolled (or are accepted for enrollment) as full-time students.

*Disadvantaged Health Professions Faculty Loan Repayment and Fellowship Program, Section 738*

This program awards grants to repay the health professions education loans of disadvantaged health professionals who have agreed to serve for at least 2 years as a faculty member of a school of medicine, nursing, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, podiatric medicine, optometry, veterinary medicine, public health, or a school that offers a graduate program in clinical psychology. Section 738(a) allows loan repayment only for an individual who has not been a member of the faculty of any school at any time during the 18-month period preceding the date on which the Secretary receives the request of the individual for repayment contract (i.e., "new" faculty).

The following income figures were taken from low income levels published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, using an index adopted by a Federal Interagency Committee for use in a variety of Federal Programs. That index includes multiplication by a factor of 1.3 for adaptation to health professions and nursing programs which support training for individuals from

disadvantaged backgrounds. The income figures have been updated to reflect increases in the Consumer Price Index through December 31, 1994.

Size of parents family <sup>1</sup>	Income level <sup>2</sup>
1 .....	\$10,000
2 .....	12,900
3 .....	15,400
4 .....	19,700
5 .....	23,200
6 or more .....	26,100

<sup>1</sup> Includes only dependents listed on Federal income tax forms.

<sup>2</sup> Rounded to the nearest \$100. Adjusted gross income for calendar year 1994.

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**Availability of Funds for Grants to Provide Health Care for the Homeless and Health Care Services for Homeless Children**

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of available funds.

**SUMMARY:** The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is announcing the availability of approximately \$65.3 million for fiscal year (FY) 1996 for competing applications for the Health Care for the Homeless program. Although the President's FY 1996 budget includes this program as part of the health services cluster, it is anticipated that funding for FY 1996 for each of the programs in the cluster will be proportionate to its FY 1995 funding level. Grants will be awarded under Section 340 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, 42 U.S.C. 256. This announcement is made prior to an appropriation of funds to allow applicants sufficient time to prepare applications and to enable timely award of the grants in consideration of the special needs of homeless individuals.

The PHS is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of Healthy People 2000, a PHS-led national activity for setting health priorities. This grant program is related to the objectives cited for special populations, particularly people with low income, minorities, and the disabled, which constitute a significant portion of the homeless population. Potential applicants may obtain a copy of *Healthy People 2000* (Full Report; Stock No. 017-001-00474-0) or *Healthy People 2000* (Summary

Report; Stock No. 017-001-00473-1) through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402-9325 (telephone 202-783-3238).

The Public Health Service strongly encourages all grant recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the non-use of all tobacco products. This is consistent with the PHS mission to protect and advance the physical and mental health of the American people.

**DUE DATES:** Applications are due 120 days prior to project end date, with the first date being August 1, 1995 and the last date being December 1, 1995. Applications will be considered to have met the deadline if they are: (1) received on or before the deadline date; or (2) postmarked on or before the established deadline date and received in time for orderly processing. Applicants should request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks are not acceptable as proof of timely mailing. Applications received after the announced closing date will not be considered for funding.

**ADDRESSES:** Application kits (Form PHS 5161-1) with revised face sheet DHHS Form 424, as approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 0937-0189 may be obtained from, and completed applications should be mailed to the appropriate PHS Regional Grants Management Officer (RGMO) (see Appendix A). The RGMO can also provide assistance on business management issues.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general program information and technical assistance, contact Ms. Joan Holloway, Director, Division of Programs for Special Populations, or Mr. Charles Woodson, Acting Chief, Health Care for the Homeless Branch, Division of Programs for Special Populations, Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC), at 4350 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814 (telephone 301-594-4430).

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:** It is the intent of HRSA to continue to support health services to the homeless populations currently being served given the needs of this medically underserved population. Any nonprofit private organization or public entity may apply to serve the homeless population currently served by a grantee whose project period is expiring. For a list of service areas with expiring project periods, see **Federal Register** notice published on May 25, 1995 at 60 FR 27767.