

### Education and Service Linkage

As part of its long-range planning, HRSA will be targeting its efforts to strengthening linkages between HRSA education programs and programs which provide comprehensive primary care services to the underserved.

### Smoke-Free Workplace

The HRSA strongly encourages all grant recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace; to promote the non-use of all tobacco products; and to promote Public Law 103-227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, which 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.

### Review Criteria

The following criteria will be used when reviewing the applications:

1. The degree to which the proposal contains clearly stated, realistic, and measurable objectives;
2. The extent to which the proposal includes a methodology compatible with scope of project objectives, including collaborative agreements with relevant institutions and professional associations;
3. The administrative and management capability of the applicant to carry out the Cooperative Agreement, including the demonstrated ability to expand the project to the southwest of the United States;
4. The extent to which the budget justifications are complete, appropriate, and cost-effective; and
5. The extent to which the applicant can demonstrate the ability to obtain non-federal funding to continue the management training beyond the project period.

### Application Request

Eligible entities interested in receiving materials regarding this program should notify HRSA. Materials will be sent only to those entities making a request. Requests for proposal instructions and questions regarding grants policy and business management issues should be directed to: Ms. Sandra Bryant, Health Resources and Services Administration, Bureau of Health Professions, Parklawn Building, Room 8C-26, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone: (301) 443-6857 FAX: (301) 443-6343.

Completed applications should be forwarded to the Grants Management Officer at the above address.

If additional programmatic information is needed, please contact:

Ms. Gwendolyn B. Clark, Office of Minority Health, Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 14-48, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone: (301) 443-2964 FAX: (301) 443-7853.

The standard application form PHS 6025-1, Competing Training Grant Application and General Instructions have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The OMB Clearance Number is 0915-0060. (Insert deadline date that reflects 20 days from date of publication in the Federal Register.)

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

- (1) Received on or before the deadline date, or
- (2) Sent 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 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. In addition, as indicated in the application kit, applications which exceed the page limitation, or do not follow format instructions, will not be accepted for processing and will be returned to the applicant.

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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Ciro V. Sumaya,

Administrator.

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### Public Forum on Liver Allocation and Patient Listing Criteria for Liver, Kidney, and Kidney/Pancreas Transplantation

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting and opportunity to provide written comments and oral testimony.

**SUMMARY:** On September 25-26, 1996, a public forum will be held as an adjunct to the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) public comment

process. This forum will provide an opportunity for presentation of public and professional testimony with regard to the proposed modifications to the current UNOS policy on allocation of livers and patient listing criteria for liver, kidney, and kidney/pancreas transplantation. UNOS is under contract with the Health Resources and Services Administration, Bureau of Health Resources Development's Division of Transplantation to perform the requirements of the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN).

Participants may present written comments and brief oral testimony on these proposals to a forum hearing panel. Selection of participants will be determined on the basis of achieving an appropriate balance of patient, public, and professional testimony within the available time. All individuals and organizations interested in presenting testimony who are not selected to participate in the forum may still provide written testimony which will be considered by the hearing panel.

Interested participants should contact Douglas A. Heiney, Director, Department of Membership Services and Policy Development, United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) and indicate on which of the following topic areas they will provide comment: (1) Proposed amended policy on allocation of livers; (2) standard minimum patient listing criteria for liver transplantation; and/or (3) standardized patient listing criteria for kidney transplantation and combined kidney-pancreas transplantation.

**Purpose:** The meeting will provide a forum for presentation and discussion of proposed policy changes to the allocation of livers and patient listing criteria for transplantation.

**Contact:** For more information, contact Douglas A. Heiney, Director, Department of Membership Services and Policy Development, UNOS, 1100 Boulders Parkway, Suite 500, P.O. Box 13770, Richmond, VA 23225-8770. Telephone: (804) 330-8500 Fax: (804) 330-8517.

**Date and Time:** September 25, 1996—10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. September 26, 1996—10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Place:** Airport Hilton Hotel, 10330 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, MO 63134 (314) 426-5500.

Dated: August 27, 1996.

Ciro V. Sumaya,

Administrator.

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