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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Resource and Technical Assistance Center for HIV Prevention and Care for Black MSM

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of deviation from competition requirements for Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Resource and Technical Assistance Center for HIV Prevention and Care for Black men who have sex with men (MSM) (Grant#U69HA27173).

SUMMARY: The HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) is requesting a deviation from the competition requirements in order to provide a 1 year extension with funds to the Resource and Technical Assistance Center for HIV Prevention and Care for Black MSM cooperative agreement recipient, the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors. The purpose of the program is to develop a Resource and Technical Assistance Center for HIV prevention and care of models and interventions that increase the capacity, quality, and effectiveness of HIV/AIDS service providers to screen, diagnose, link, and retain, the adult and young Black MSM community in HIV clinical care. The 2-year project period ends June 30, 2016. The extension through June 30, 2017, for this project provides necessary funding and time to complete previously approved project activities, an orderly phase out, and transition to the next stage of evaluation for the models of HIV clinical care and best practices needed for HIV viral suppression. The next stage of planning by HAB is to use the models, tools, and best practices developed for improved health outcomes by this recipient for fiscal year 2017 competitive funding under the HAB Special Projects of National Significance Program.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Period of Performance: July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017.

Intended Recipient of the Award: National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors.

Amount of Non-Competitive Award: \$900,000.

CFDA Number: 93.145.

Authority: Sections 2606, 2654, 2671, and 2692 of Title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act, as amended by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-87)

Justification: The National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors has been very successful at collecting, developing, and analyzing clinical models of care and best practices for HIV care and treatment. Additional time is needed to complete analyses and disseminate them across the country to grant recipients, health centers, and HIV stakeholder communities. This funding reflects the amount needed to complete the final phase of program activities, which is the dissemination of models and best practices for HIV treatment and care through Ryan White Part C and D grant recipients, AIDS Education and Training Centers, and HRSA Bureau of Primary Health Care Health Centers to improve engagement of and retention in care for young Black MSM, one of the highest risk populations identified in the National HIV/AIDS Strategy for HIV transmission. The aim and purpose of dissemination of these interventions is to increase the capacity, quality, and effectiveness of HIV/AIDS service providers to screen, diagnose, link, and retain the adult and young Black MSM community in HIV clinical care.

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James Macrae,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Recruitment of Sites for Assignment of Corps Personnel Obligated Under the National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program

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

ACTION: General notice.

SUMMARY: HRSA announces that the listing of entities, and associated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) scores, that will receive priority for the

assignment of National Health Service Corps (NHSC) scholarship recipients available for service during the period October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2017, is posted on the NHSC Jobs Center Web site at <http://nhscjobs.hrsa.gov>. The NHSC Jobs Center includes sites that are approved for performance of service by NHSC scholars; however, note that entities on this list may or may not have current job vacancies.

Eligible HPSAs and Entities

To be eligible to receive assignment of Corps members, entities must: (1) Have a current HPSA status of "designated" by the Division of Policy and Shortage Designation, Bureau of Health Workforce, HRSA, as of January 1, 2016, for placements October 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, or as of January 1, 2017, for placements January 1, 2017, through September 30, 2017; (2) not deny requested health care services or discriminate in the provision of services to an individual because the individual is unable to pay for the services, because payment for the services would be made under Medicare, Medicaid, or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), or based upon the individual's race, color, sex, national origin, disability, religion, age, or sexual orientation; (3) enter into an agreement with the state agency that administers Medicaid and CHIP, accept assignment under Medicare, see all patients regardless of their ability to pay and post such policy, and use and post a discounted fee plan; and (4) be determined by the Secretary to have (a) a need and demand for health manpower in the area; (b) appropriately and efficiently used Corps members assigned to the entity in the past; (c) general community support for the assignment of Corps members; (d) made unsuccessful efforts to recruit health professionals; (e) a reasonable prospect for sound fiscal management by the entity with respect to Corps members assigned there; and (f) demonstrated a willingness to support and facilitate mentorship, professional development, and training opportunities for Corps members.

Priority in approving applications for assignment of Corps members goes to sites that (1) provide primary medical care, mental health, and/or oral health services that matches the discipline to a primary medical care, mental health, or dental HPSA of greatest shortage, respectively; (2) are part of a system of care that provides a continuum of services, including comprehensive primary health care and appropriate referrals (e.g., ancillary, inpatient, and specialty referrals) or arrangements for