



Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Survey & Certification Group

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TO: State Survey Agency Directors

FROM: Director
Survey and Certification Group

SUBJECT: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Grant Funding Opportunity -
State Survey Agency (SA) Opportunities for Collaboration

Memorandum Summary

- ***CDC Grant Funding Opportunity:*** The CDC has announced a funding opportunity for State and local public health agency epidemiology and infection control and prevention activities related to Ebola and other infectious diseases.
- ***Collaboration with State and Local Health Departments:*** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Survey & Certification Group is encouraging State Survey Agencies (SAs) to reach out to their public health counterparts to explore potential collaboration on projects related to the identification and prevention of infectious diseases, including Ebola, in hospitals and critical access hospitals (CAHs) facilities.
- ***The application deadline for submission is Thursday, February 19, 2015.***

The CDC recently announced a funding opportunity entitled “Domestic Ebola Supplement to Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC) – Building and Strengthening Epidemiology, Laboratory and Health Information Systems Capacity in State and Local Health Departments.” The CDC grant funds are available to State and Local public health agencies. In its announcement of the grants, the CDC encourages public health agencies to work collaboratively with a variety of partners, and specifically mentions SAs among potential partners. CMS is encouraging SAs to reach out to their public health counterparts to determine if funds available through this grant opportunity might be used cooperatively to focus on assessment of hospital and CAH infection control and prevention activities.

The project-specific activities fall into three categories:

- Healthcare Infection Control Assessment and Response;
- Enhanced Laboratory Biosafety and Biosecurity Capacity; and
- Global Migration, Border Interventions, and Migrant Health.

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As stated in the announcement, the funding specific to Healthcare Infection Control Assessment and Response will support efforts to define and apply standards of infection control in various healthcare settings, bolster policy and capacity, and assess and intervene to achieve best practices. This is the activity best suited for collaboration between SAs and other State and Local public health agencies.

The application deadline for submission is Thursday, February 19, 2015. The announcement with details, including requirements for those interested in applying, is attached to this message. Additionally, there is a short power point presentation attached focused on the Healthcare Infection Control Assessment and Promotion activity.

Effective Date: Immediately.

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Attachments:

CDC Ebola Grants CK14-1401PPHFSUPP15

CDC Infection Control Assessment and Promotion Program Presentation

cc: Survey and Certification Regional Office Management