



Research in Transforming Health and Health Care Systems

2021 Call for Proposals

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Building a Culture of Health Using An Equity Lens





Research in Transforming Health and Health Care Systems (RTHS)

The purpose of the RTHS program is to support **rigorous, empirical studies** that help policymakers, practitioners, stakeholders, and others **understand the effects of current or potential policies** to transform health and health care systems.



RTHS 2021 Call for Proposals

- This opportunity seeks to fund research studies that evaluate or predict the effects of recent Medicaid policy changes, including those enacted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- For example:
 - Policy changes at the state level to make it easier to qualify for and enroll in Medicaid coverage and to access health care services
 - Continuous coverage provision in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act
 - Medicaid and CHIP provisions in the American Rescue Plan Act



RTHS 2021 Call for Proposals

- We are requesting studies that examine the impact of Medicaid policies on communities of color and/or explore how current or proposed policies may alleviate or exacerbate racial inequity and structural racism in the context of Medicaid.
- For example:
 - Are there differences in policy impacts by race/ethnicity?
 - Are there unintended consequences that may be exacerbating racial inequities in access, care, and outcomes?



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- We will prioritize studies that are led by or meaningfully involve Medicaid enrollees, community organizations, or other stakeholders that are directly impacted by the policy being studied.
- We encourage these stakeholders to lead or contribute to key activities throughout the research production process, from the time research questions are developed through the dissemination of findings.
- Applicants should budget funds to compensate Medicaid enrollees and other stakeholders for time spent on the project and to assist with related expenses that individuals may incur.



RTHS CFP: Award Details

- Funding will range from \$150,000 to \$350,000 per project to accommodate studies of 12 to 36 months.
- We expect to fund a diverse range of studies with varying budgets and time lines.
- Up to \$1.75 million will be available under this CFP.
- Applicants should request the amount of funding they will need to complete the proposed research and to translate and disseminate the results. **Applicants should propose a grant period that supports the timely dissemination of findings to inform policy.**



RTHS CFP: Applicant Eligibility

- Applicant organizations based in the United States or its territories.
- Preference will be given to applicants that are either public entities or nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.



RTHS CFP: Application Process

- Apply online through My.RWJF.org
- Phase 1: Four-page brief proposal narrative
 - See template and detailed instructions in the application system
 - Deadline: June 28, 2021 (3 P.M. ET)
- Phase 2: Invited Phase 1 applicants submit a 10-page full proposal narrative
 - Applicants will also submit a line-item budget and budget narrative
 - Deadline: November 1, 2021 (3 P.M. ET)
- Notification of finalists: March 4, 2022
- Grants start: May 1, 2022



RTHS CFP: Selection Criteria

- Importance and policy relevance of the question to be addressed.
- Potential of the study to generate evidence that helps address racial inequities and structural racism in the context of Medicaid.
- Meaningful involvement of Medicaid enrollees, community organizations, advocates, or other impacted stakeholders in the project.
- Strength of the proposed methodology.
- Appropriateness and availability of proposed data sources.
- Qualifications of the research team.
- Strength of the proposed dissemination plan.
- Demonstrated ability to carry out the project within the proposed timeline.



Tips for Writing a Strong Brief Proposal

- As soon as possible, read the CFP in full and look for templates and detailed instructions in the online application system.
- Clearly describe the study topic, the research questions, and the potential implications of the project for racial equity.
- Clearly describe the role of Medicaid enrollees, community organizations, or other impacted stakeholders in the project.
- Provide sufficient detail on the proposed methods and data sources.
- Articulate how findings will be actionable.
- Carefully note the deadline date, time **and** time zone. Deadline time is always shown as Eastern Time (ET).



RWJF Applicant Deadline Policy

- **Late submissions will not be accepted for any reason.**
- All applicants should log in to the system and familiarize themselves with online proposal requirements well before the final submission deadline.
- We encourage you to submit your proposal well before the deadline so that any unforeseen difficulties or technical problems may be addressed in advance.
- Submission is defined as all sections completed, marked finished, the proposal “submit” button used, and the proposal status shows “Submitted.”



Questions?

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