

Announcement: Request for Proposals for 2019 Home Health Care Research Funding

RFP Responses: Please send responses in electronic format to jschiller@ahhqi.org by no later than Friday, December 28, 2018. Only complete responses will be considered.

Background: The Alliance for Home Health Quality and Innovation (AHHQI) seeks to sponsor a research project to help advance home health care and may seek to improve care delivery at home through quality and innovation. Funding will be awarded up to \$75,000 maximum. Multiple projects may be funded if they do not exceed the total funding allocated for all projects of \$75,000.

Objectives: To further research and of home health care, with specific focus on areas identified in the published paper, [“The Future of Home Health Care: A Strategic Framework for Optimizing Value”](#) (copy may be provided upon request for reference) and as identified by key thought leaders in home health care:

- Payment and Delivery Reform
- Patient and Person-Centered Care
- Technology
- Home Health Workforce
- Clinical Innovation
- Disease-Specific Intervention

Methodology: The research project may employ a mixed methods approach, including but not limited to: interviews with thought leaders and stakeholders, case studies, surveys, secondary data analysis, or clinical trials.

Deliverables: Upon completion, we require following deliverables:

- Final report that summaries the findings of the study
- Article publishable in a peer-reviewed journal;
- Key recommendations for home health care providers;
- PowerPoint presentation summarizing the research, findings, and recommendations for future utilization; and
- At least one Capitol Hill briefing to present the findings and facilitate a discussion.

Qualifications: The researchers will work with the Alliance's Research Work Group, which is comprised of thought leaders and researchers from the home health community, to complete the project. Researchers with the following competencies/experience are preferred:

- Health services research;
- Qualitative research;
- Quantitative research; and
- Previous research on home health care.

Application Outline

Please provide the following information:

1. Specific Aims of the Study (1 page in total)
2. Research Plan: This should include a summary of the overall strategy, the methodology and analyses to be used to accomplish the aims of the project. (3 pages in total)
3. Bibliography
4. A summary of your experience in or with home health or home-based care (1 page)
5. Details of the proposed research team (including bios for each person), with a clear statement of his/her intended contribution to the proposed study.
6. Project budget with a detailed breakdown of costs and a timetable for deliverables.
7. Total Grant Funding Needed Timeline: Our plan is to select researchers by March 1, 2019 and to kickoff work within the second quarter of 2019. Given this start plan, please provide a timeline for the project with dates for completion of the deliverables. Projects will be expected to be completed within an 18 month timeframe or sooner.

Contact Information: If you have any questions about this RFP, please send them to the Alliance's Director, Policy Communications & Research, Jennifer Schiller, at jschiller@ahhqi.org.