Announcement:
Request for Proposals for
2021 Home Health Care Research Funding

RFP Responses: Please send responses in electronic PDF format to jschiller@ahhqi.org by no later than Thursday, December 23, 2020. 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 of home health care as it pertains to both the current challenges facing healthcare delivery and critical areas of need in the future. Topics given priority for funding may include:

- Virtual Visits
  - Care Delivery
  - Standardization
  - Patient Identification
- Patient Access to Home Health Care
- Disaster Preparedness
- Workforce
  - Precautions and Shortages
  - Recruitment, Retention, and Engagement
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Early-stage pilot programs

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, and/or clinical trials.

Deliverables: Upon completion, we require following deliverables:

- Final report that summarizes 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 biosketches 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.**
7. **Timeline:** Our plan is to select researchers by March 31, 2021 and to kickoff work within the second quarter of 2021. 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, Executive Director, Jennifer Schiller, at jschiller@ahhqi.org or call (202) 239-3427.