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HRSA-04-022 Preventive Medicine Residency Program (PMRP) *

CFDA: 93.117.

Legislative Authority: Public Health Service Act, Title VII, Section 768, 42 U.S.C.295c.

Purpose: The Preventive Medicine Residency Grant Program is designed to promote postgraduate medical education in the field of preventive medicine and public health. Grants assist eligible entities to: plan and develop new residency training programs, maintain and improve existing residency training programs and provide financial support to residency trainees in these programs.

* This program is not included in the President's budget for FY 2004.

Potential applicants for funds should consider this announcement provisional until final Congressional action on appropriations is taken. Updated information on Congressional action on appropriations will be available on the HRSA Web site.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine and public health (support for dental residencies will be offered through a separate announcement). An applicant must demonstrate that it has or will have available full-time faculty members trained in preventive medicine or dental public health and support from other faculty members trained in public health and other relevant specialties and disciplines.

Preferences: Under Section 765(c) of the Public Health Service Act, a preference will be given to approved applicants: (1) Who demonstrate that at least 40 percent of the program enrollees meet the definition of disadvantaged and/or underrepresented minorities, and (2) who demonstrate that at least 40 percent of their graduates have subsequently practiced in disadvantaged and/or underserved communities. An established program (one having graduated three or more classes), must submit supporting documentation to receive this preference. A new program (one having graduated three or fewer classes) must submit documentation evidencing that it meets at least four of the following criteria to qualify for the funding preference: (A) A specific purpose of the program is the preparation of health

professionals to serve underserved populations; (B) The curriculum of the program includes content to prepare practitioners to serve underserved populations; (C) The program requires substantial clinical training experience in medically underserved communities; (D) A minimum of 20 percent of the clinical faculty of the program spends at least 50 percent of its time providing or supervising care in medically underserved communities; (E) The entire program or a substantial portion of the program is physically located in a medically underserved community; (F) Student assistance that is linked to service in medically underserved communities following graduation is available to the students in the program; (G) The program has a graduate placement program to find employment for graduates in medically underserved communities.

Estimated Amount of This Competition: \$1,800,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 12.

Estimated Project Period: 3 years.

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Application Availability: September 2, 2003.

Application Deadline: October 16, 2003.

Estimated Project Award Date: July 1, 2004.

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HRSA-04-023 Geriatric Education Centers Program (GECS) *

CFDA: 93.969.

Legislative Authority: Public Health Service Act, Title VII, Section 753(a), 42 U.S.C. 294c.

Purpose: Grants are available to support the development of Geriatric Education Centers (GECs)—collaborative arrangements involving several health professions schools and health care facilities—to train health professional faculty, students, and practitioners in the diagnosis, treatment, prevention of disease, disability, and other health problems of the aged.

Applicants must propose to carry out all of the following statutory purposes:

(1) Improve the training of health professionals in geriatrics, including geriatric residencies, traineeships or fellowships; (2) develop and disseminate curricula relating to the treatment of the health problems of elderly individuals; (3) support the training and retraining of faculty to

provide instruction in geriatrics; (4) support continuing education of health professionals who provide geriatric care; and (5) provide students with clinical training in geriatrics in nursing homes, chronic and acute disease hospitals, ambulatory care centers, and senior centers.

This training must involve four or more health profession disciplines, one of which must be allopathic or osteopathic medicine. Other health professions may include allopathic physicians, osteopathic physicians, dentists, optometrists, podiatrists, pharmacists, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, chiropractors, clinical psychologists, health administrators, and allied health professionals including professional counselors and social workers.

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Eligibility: Grants may be made to entities as defined by sections 799B(1), (3) and (4) and section 801(2) of The Public Health Service Act. These include, among others: schools of medicine; schools of dentistry; schools of osteopathic medicine; schools of pharmacy; schools of optometry; schools of podiatric medicine; schools of veterinary medicine; schools of public health; schools of chiropractic; graduate programs in clinical psychology, clinical social work, health administration, and behavioral health and mental health practice; programs for the training of physician assistants; schools of allied health; and schools of nursing. Applicants must be located in the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Federated States of Micronesia. In selecting from among the most highly ranked applications, efforts will be made to balance awards to achieve broad geographical distribution.

Review Criteria: Final review criteria are included in the application kit.

Funding Preferences: As provided in section 791(a) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, preference will be given to any approved applicant that: (A) Has a high rate for placing graduates in practice settings having the focus of serving residents of medically