

Health Equity Data Access Program Grant

The CMS Office of Minority Health administers the Health Equity Data Access Program (HEDAP) Grant. The HEDAP grant supports health services researchers from public and state-controlled institutions of higher education, private institutions of higher education, and non-profit organizations gain access to CMS restricted data for health services research on underserved populations. Selected researchers will receive a “seat” in the CMS Virtual Research Data Center (VRDC) for a period of up to 36 months.



GOAL 1. Help researchers gain access to CMS data to conduct health services research on health care topics



GOAL 2. Produce specific applied research projects that relate to creative and innovative methods for using CMS data



GOAL 3. Create data driven research that explores the relationship between health disparities and health policy

The HEDAP grant assists researchers from public and state-controlled institutions of higher education, private institutions of higher education, and non-profit organizations in gaining access to CMS restricted data for health services research on underserved populations. The CMS VRDC assists researchers in gaining access to CMS restricted data for health equity research. To learn more about the VRDC, visit: resdac.org/cms-virtual-research-data-center-vrdc

GRANT ELIGIBILITY

The HEDAP grant assists researchers from:

- Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- Non-profit organizations with a 501(c)(3) status

Eligible research topics include, but are not limited to, the following examples:

- To research racial and ethnic minority groups; people with disabilities; members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) community; individuals with limited English proficiency; individuals residing in rural areas; and individuals (including children, youth, and families) adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality among Medicare, Medicaid and CHIP enrollees.
- The relationship between health disparities and improving the quality of care, increasing access to care, estimating the economic burden/financial costs of disparities, evaluating the effects of health care delivery system and payment model reforms, exploring disparity sensitive conditions or diseases and strengthening population health for all of the above-mentioned populations.

TO APPLY

Applicants must use [grants.gov](https://www.cms.gov/grants) to apply. Grantees are selected through an annual competition that values increasing access to care, improving the quality of care, exploring disparities in health care, and building the case for health equity.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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