



## Letter of Intent for One-Year Pilot Projects to Address the Impact of Multiple Chronic Conditions (MCCs) In Older Adults: The HCSRN-OAICs AGING Initiative

### Round 4: 2017-2018

The HCSRN-OAICs AGING Initiative seeks letters of intent for pilot projects designed to facilitate collaborations between Health Care Systems Research Network (HCSRN) and Older American Independence Centers (OAICs) investigators.

**A variety of activities may be conducted within the scientific scope of this RFA. These include, but are not limited to the following priority areas:**

1. Methodological issues relevant to analyses of the health impact or treatment of MCCs including the validity of empirical measures
2. Methods to address inferential issues in observational data on treatment effects
3. Novel methods to use information contained in electronic health records to construct new measures relevant to MCCs, their treatments, and outcomes
4. Public health and health care cost impacts of specific combinations of MCCs in defined older populations
5. Effectiveness and safety of different therapeutic options for patients with specific combinations of MCCs
6. Alterations in safety or effectiveness of a treatment for one condition related to the presence of one or more coexisting conditions
7. Understanding health and access disparities related to MCCs

### Specific Requirements for the Letter of Intent

1. Specific Aims (one page)
2. Biosketch of proposed principal investigator (new NIH format required)

**Note:** Full specification of the study team is not required in the LOI. However, it is helpful to designate co-investigators from both OAICs and HCSRN sites in the LOI since both are required for funding of a pilot project. Please note that an early career investigator must be included on the study team for the full application. If you require assistance contacting investigators to fit these criteria, please contact [Kathryn.Anzuoni@meyersprimary.org](mailto:Kathryn.Anzuoni@meyersprimary.org) with information about your project and collaborative needs.

**Approval of your Letter of Intent is required to submit a full proposal for the Pilot Projects Program.**

**Additional Information**—The following links provide information about the HCSRN and the OAICs: [HCSRN \(www.hcsrn.org\)](http://www.hcsrn.org); [OAICs \(www.peppercenter.org\)](http://www.peppercenter.org). This one-year project will have a maximum of \$40,000 budget (total costs).

All queries should be addressed to Kathryn Anzuoni at [Kathryn.Anzuoni@meyersprimary.org](mailto:Kathryn.Anzuoni@meyersprimary.org). The pilot projects program will host an informational webinar on **January 9 at 1:00pm EDT (12:00pm CDT, 11:00am MDT, 10:00am PDT)**. To register for the webinar: [http://bit.ly/Webinar\\_PilotProjects](http://bit.ly/Webinar_PilotProjects).

**LOI Review Criteria**—In addition to the standard NIH scientific review criteria, pilot projects review criteria include: (1) study relevance to older adults with MCCs; (2) leveraging OAIC-related data and/or the unique features of the HCSRN and its data; (3) likelihood that the project team will reflect a new collaboration between OAIC and HCSRN investigators; and (4) likelihood that the proposed study will be completed within one year.

**Due Date**—Completed letters of intent should be submitted electronically no later than 11:59 PM EDT/8:59 PM PDT on **January 27, 2017** at [http://bit.ly/AGING\\_PilotProjects\\_LOI](http://bit.ly/AGING_PilotProjects_LOI).

### Review and Notification Schedule:

<b>LOI Submission Due Date:</b>	<b>01/27/2017</b>
Invitations Sent for Full Applications:	02/14/2017
Full Applications Due:	03/31/2017
Announcement of Awards:	04/26/2017

*Note that start of funding is contingent on completion of human subjects review (after winning proposals are announced).*