

Fiscal Year 2017 Report on Conferences Sponsored by Health Resource and Services Administration (HRSA)

About the Report:

This report is submitted as required by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum on Promoting Efficient Spending to Support Agency Operations [M-12-12](#), [M-17-08](#) which amends M-12-12 and [HHS Policy on Promoting Efficient Spending](#). Federal agencies must publicly report, by January 31 of each year, all conferences hosted or sponsored by the agency during the previous fiscal year where the net expenses were in excess of \$100,000.

New for FY 2017- [Section 3074 of the 21st Century Cures Act](#) (Cures Act), Pub. L. No. 114-255 provides the requirement for OPDIVs and STAFFDIVs to post a report on their website within 90 days after the end of the fiscal year for all such conferences where the total net expenses are greater than \$30,000. When the net expenses exceed \$150,000, a description of the exceptional circumstances for exceeding that amount must be provided as part of the report.

As the primary Federal agency for improving health and achieving health equity through access to quality services, the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) programs provide healthcare to people who are geographically isolated and economically or medically vulnerable. Protecting the public health and providing essential human services to the American people, effective outreach to our partners, grantees and to the public is central to the mission of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The Agency's support to and attendance at a range of scientific, medical, and service-related conferences is critical for HRSA staff to engage stakeholders regarding HRSA's mission and to share our findings with our partners, grantees, and the public.

Fiscal Year 2017 Summary for conferences over \$100K:

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) did not conduct any conferences with expenses over \$100,000 during FY 2017. Over the course of the year, HRSA has continued to take positive steps in support of the Administration's initiatives to gain efficiencies in the use of Appropriated Funds for conferences and meetings.

Fiscal Year 2017 Summary for scientific conferences over \$30K:

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), HealthCare Systems Bureau (HSB) hosted the *Innovation in Organ Transplantation research workshop*.

Total conference expenses: \$36,452.79

Purpose: The impetus for and concept of this workshop was supported by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, which examined mechanisms by which innovation in clinical research in organ transplantation can be encouraged to improve transplant care. It identified ways to encourage innovative research in organ transplantation that can lead to increased organ availability, the current administrative barriers to innovative research (including, but not limited to, those that exist within the OPTN, HRSA and CMS), and propose solutions to overcome those administrative barriers. HRSA/DoT has a statutory requirement for OPTN oversight, as well as an obligation to increase the availability of organs for transplantation.

Location: 5600 Fishers lane Bethesda, MD 20857

Dates: 10/20/2016 – 10/21/2016

Number of individuals whose travel expenses were paid: 17