

## HHS To Award \$5 Million for COVID- 19 Research

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), [announced](#) a new funding opportunity that will award \$5 million in fiscal year 2020 to support novel, high-impact studies that evaluate the responsiveness of healthcare delivery systems, healthcare professionals and the overall United States healthcare system to the COVID-19 pandemic.

AHRQ expects to invest the \$5 million for new multi-method, rapid-cycle research, with the ability to produce and disseminate initial observations within six months after the award, and then regularly throughout the remainder of the award period.

AHRQ specifically highlights the need for research within four major areas:

- Improving the quality of care received and patient outcomes during and following the COVID-19 pandemic
- Improving healthcare patient safety during and following the COVID-19 pandemic
- Understanding how the response to COVID-19 affected socially vulnerable populations and people with multiple chronic conditions during and following the COVID-19 pandemic
- Understanding how digital health innovations contributed to the health system response to COVID-19, outcomes and unintended consequences

The deadline for submitting applications for the new funding opportunity, **Novel, High-Impact Studies Evaluating Health System and Healthcare Professional Responsiveness to COVID-19 (R01)**, is June 15.

For the full funding announcement, visit [HHS Overview page](#).