

Title: Social Science Research Analyst

Department: Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) – Federal Government

Agency: Centers For Medicare & Medicaid Services

Salary Range : \$92,145.00 to \$119,794.00 / Per Year

Position Information: Full Time - Permanent

Duty Location: Woodlawn, MD

Who may apply: United States Citizens

Supervisory Status: No

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Job Summary

The Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) works in partnership with the entire health care community to improve quality and efficiency in an evolving health care system and provides leadership in the broader health care marketplace.

CMS' effectiveness depends on the capabilities of a dedicated, professional staff that is committed to supporting these objectives. A career with CMS offers the opportunity to get involved on important national health care issues and be part of a dynamic, fast-paced, and highly visible organization. For more information on CMS, please visit: <http://www.cms.gov/>. This position is located in the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services (CMCS), State Demonstrations Group, Division of Demonstration Monitoring & Evaluation, in Woodlawn (Baltimore County), MD.

WHO MAY APPLY: This is a competitive vacancy, open to all United States Citizens or Nationals, advertised under Delegated Examining Authority. Selections made under this vacancy announcement will be processed as new appointments to the civil service. Current civil service employees would therefore be given new appointments to the civil service; however, benefits, time served and all other Federal entitlements would remain the same

Duties

- Working in the Division of Demonstration Monitoring and Evaluation (DDME), State Demonstrations Group (SDG) you will serve as a Social Science Research Analyst in providing technical and analytic capabilities to monitor and evaluate states' efforts to accelerate service delivery and payment innovation in Medicaid and CHIP demonstrations under section 1115 waiver authority to improve health, improve care, and reduce costs in these programs. Specifically you will:
- Perform tasks related to the monitoring and evaluation of Medicaid and CHIP 1115 demonstrations
- Develop, monitor, evaluate, provide program oversight, and apply analytic techniques to identify and address program integrity and complex beneficiary related issues.
- Serve as an analyst in health services evaluation, data analytics, health services delivery and payment modeling, financial performance and program integrity, risk adjustment and/or quality measurement on behalf of the component.
- Provide technical consultation to states on the application of health services performance

metrics and monitoring techniques, and/or health services evaluation methods and interpretation of findings to support state oversight and evaluation of their 1115 demonstrations.

- Occasional Travel - Up to 10%

Qualification Requirements

In order to qualify at the GS-13, you must meet the following: You must demonstrate in your resume at least one (1) year of qualifying specialized experience equivalent to the 12 grade level in the Federal Government to include: (1) Conducting data analyses to advance the economy, efficiency, and/or quality of healthcare programs; AND (2) Planning and implementing monitoring and/or evaluation studies pertaining to initiatives in health care financing or service delivery. These experiences could have been gained from organizations or institutions involved in intramural or extramural initiatives.

Education Requirement: In addition to meeting the qualification requirements, all candidates must have the following educational requirements:

Possess a degree in behavioral or social science; or related disciplines appropriate to the position.

OR

Possess a combination of education and experience that provided me with knowledge of one or more of the behavioral or social sciences equivalent to a major in the field.

OR

Possess at least 4 years of appropriate experience that demonstrated that you have acquired knowledge of one or more of the behavioral or social sciences equivalent to a major in the field.

How You Will Be Evaluated

If you meet the minimum qualifications and education requirements for this position, your application and responses to the online questionnaire will be evaluated under Category Rating and Selection procedures for placement in one of the following categories:

- Best Qualified – for those who are superior in the evaluation criteria
- Well Qualified – for those who excel in the evaluation criteria
- Qualified – for those who only meet the minimum qualification requirements

The Category Rating Process does not add veterans' preference points, but protects the rights of veterans by placing them ahead of non-preference eligibles within each category. Veterans with a service connected disability of 10% or more will be placed at the top of the Best Qualified category (except for professional and scientific positions at the GS-9 level or higher).

Once the application process is complete, a review of your resume and supporting documentation will be made and compared against your responses to the occupational questionnaire. If, after reviewing your resume and other applicable supporting documentation, a determination is made that you have inflated your qualifications or experience, your rating will be adjusted to more accurately reflect your knowledge, skills and abilities. Please follow all instructions carefully. Errors or omissions may affect your rating.

Your application will be evaluated based on your ability to demonstrate the following knowledge, skills and abilities/competencies:

- Analysis and Evaluation

- Conducting Studies
- Oral Communications
- Written communications