

CONTRACTS IN MS HEALTH CARE DELIVERY AND POLICY RESEARCH

The Society offers multi-year contracts to health services investigators.

Projects will be supported that address current priorities in the organization, funding, quality, outcomes, and costs of MS care. The ultimate purpose is to provide results that can be influential in improving government and private sector policies, service and benefit programs nation-wide.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Each year, contract requests-for-proposals (RFPs) are distributed via email and posted on our website, with an invitation to prospective applicants to submit brief letters-of-intent. The RFP is generally distributed in early August with letters-of-intent due in late September and full applications due in early January. Check the RFP or our website for exact dates. Letters are screened by an expert, independent peer review committee. On this basis, selected organizations are invited to submit full proposals. Peer review of full proposals is conducted in March.

For a copy of each year's RFPs, targeting current research priorities, contact the Vice President of Health Care Delivery and Policy Research at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

ELIGIBILITY

Contracts are available to academic and medical institutions, government agencies at any level, community groups, public/private coalitions, voluntary and for-profit organizations, and multi-organizational consortia.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

Details concerning the conditions of these awards can be found in the Request for Proposals distributed each year. Unless otherwise noted in the RFP, the allowable expenses and other budgetary parameters for these awards are the same as those stated in the "Research Grants" section of the policies and procedures document. In particular, investigators must use the Society's budget forms and format in preparing their budgets. Applications using a format inconsistent with the Society's format will not be accepted.

