

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

SOCIETY OF GENERAL INTERNAL
MEDICINE, ET AL.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR., ET AL.,

Defendants.

Case No.: 8:25-cv-02751-BAH

**NOTICE OF FACTUAL UPDATE AND SUPPLEMENTAL EXHIBIT
IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS**

Defendants, by and through undersigned counsel, hereby file this notice and the attached supplemental exhibit, Exhibit B, in support of their motion to dismiss, ECF No. 33 (the "Motion").

In opposition to Defendants' Motion, Plaintiffs asserted that

other evidence makes clear that this one-time rush of grantmaking [referring to the continuation grants awarded in September 2025] was a blip. Plaintiffs have replicated Defendants' search of the TAGGS database for the current fiscal year—filtering for an "Issue Date FY" of 2026, "Funding FY" of 2026, and "Operating Division" of AHRQ. . . . As of the filing of this brief, the search did not produce a single result.

ECF No. 34 at 11. These assertions are no longer true, and Defendants submit this notice and attached Exhibit B to provide the Court with factual updates since briefing completed at the end of March 2026.

Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a list of AHRQ's grant actions with respect to fiscal year 2026 funds. Exhibit B reflects that *AHRQ has awarded more than \$15 million in 35 continuation grants using its fiscal year 2026 appropriations* since briefing on Defendants' Motion was completed. Undersigned counsel exported Exhibit B from the Tracking Accountability in Government Grants System (TAGGS) database, a publicly available source of HHS grants. *See*

<https://taggs.hhs.gov/SearchAward>. To generate Exhibit B, undersigned counsel utilized the same method described by Plaintiffs in the excerpt from their opposition brief that is quoted above (and also utilized by Plaintiffs to support their preliminary injunction motion, *see* ECF No. 4-1 at 8, n.8). For the reasons stated in Defendants' opening and reply briefs, the Court may take judicial notice of the information available on TAGGS, a federal government website, without converting the Motion into one for summary judgment. *See* ECF No. 33-1 at 8-9; ECF No. 37 at 1-4. (Plaintiffs disagree for the reasons stated in their opposition, ECF No. 34 at 9-12.)

Defendants anticipate that numerous additional continuation grants will be awarded throughout 2026. Unless otherwise directed to do so by the Court, undersigned counsel will not continually provide updates to the Court regarding additional awards but notes that they are publicly available and posted to the TAGGS website.

Dated: May 8, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT B

Issue FY	Fund FY	OPDIV / ALN	Assistance Listing	State Award Number	Award Title	Award Code	Award Class Type	Budget Year	Action Date	Legal Entity Name	ZIP Code	Award Amount	
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	MO	R01HS029872	Combating Community-Associated Antimicrobial Resistant Organisms Combat CA-ARO Study	000	DISCRETIONARY	3	4/28/2026	WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, THE	631304862	\$495,341
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	PA	R01HS029879	Optimizing antibiotic selection in hematology oncology patients with reported beta-lactam allergy	000	DISCRETIONARY	3	4/28/2026	TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, THE	191046205	\$485,499
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	MD	R01HS028634	Respiratory Culture Stewardship to Reduce Antibiotic Use in Critically Ill Children	000	DISCRETIONARY	5	4/28/2026	THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	212182608	\$450,726
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	TX	R18HS028776	A Cluster Randomized Trial of Two Implementation Strategies to Disseminate a Successful Antibiotic Stewardship Intervention	000	DISCRETIONARY	5	4/27/2026	BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE	770303411	\$465,599
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	MA	R01HS028982	Advancing Health Information (HIE) During Intra-hospital Transfer (IHT) to Improve Patient Outcomes	000	DISCRETIONARY	5	4/27/2026	BRIGHAM & WOMENS HOSPITAL INC	021156110	\$358,849
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	NC	R01HS030223	An infection prevention dilemma: should we place patients with C. difficile colonization on contact precautions?	000	DISCRETIONARY	3	4/27/2026	DUKE UNIVERSITY	277054640	\$480,336
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	MA	R01HS029470	Assessing the Effects of EHR Optimization Interventions in Primary Care	000	DISCRETIONARY	3	4/27/2026	BRIGHAM & WOMENS HOSPITAL INC	021156110	\$400,000
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	MI	R01HS029306	De-implementation of Low-Value Testing in Patients Undergoing Low-Risk Surgery	000	DISCRETIONARY	4	4/27/2026	REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN	481091015	\$334,066
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	TX	R01HS029874	Developing strategies for implementation and use of the Operating Room Black Box	000	DISCRETIONARY	3	4/27/2026	THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER	753907208	\$400,000
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	MD	R01HS029011	EHR usability and usefulness, perceived missed nursing care and medication errors in critical care	000	DISCRETIONARY	5	4/27/2026	UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE	212011531	\$375,317
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	MA	R01HS028458	Epidemic Surge Model Use to Improve Patient, Staff, and System Safety and Resiliency	000	DISCRETIONARY	5	4/27/2026	NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY	021155005	\$385,999
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	DC	R01HS029678	Evaluating Use and Expenditures on Low Quality Breast Cancer Care in the Medicare Program	000	DISCRETIONARY	3	4/27/2026	GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY	20057	\$400,000
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	IA	R18HS028778	Integrating Next Generation Simulator Training and Operating Room Performance Assessment into Orthopedic Residency Programs	000	DISCRETIONARY	5	4/27/2026	THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA	522421316	\$334,111
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	CA	U18HS029950	Keck COVID Recovery Clinic Optimal Outcomes for Patients: a Comprehensive Assessment and Management Program	000	COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT	3	4/27/2026	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	90063	\$968,292
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	PA	K08HS029029	Leveraging Human Factors to Evaluate Quality of Neonatal Delivery Room Care	000	DISCRETIONARY	5	4/27/2026	THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA	191044319	\$154,688
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	CA	R01HS027990	Measuring and Understanding Diagnostic Quality from Large-Scale Data	000	DISCRETIONARY	6	4/27/2026	REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, THE	947201509	\$365,801
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	WA	R18HS029607	Pediatric Transport Learning Laboratory	000	DISCRETIONARY	4	4/27/2026	UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON	981951016	\$400,359
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	MIN	R18HS029616	REFT-PSLL: Re-engineering Surgical Recovery and Transitions Using Technology Patient Safety Learning Laboratory	000	DISCRETIONARY	4	4/27/2026	REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	554143074	\$400,999
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	PA	R01HS029188	Smart checklist implementation for pediatric tracheal intubations in the ICU- multicenter study: SMART ICU	000	DISCRETIONARY	4	4/27/2026	THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA	191044319	\$382,997
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	MD	U18HS029937	Supporting Patients Recovering from COVID-19	000	COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT	3	4/27/2026	THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	212182608	\$902,113
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	MD	R01HS028806	The impact of specialty nursing certification on patient outcomes and costs in acute care: An individual value-added performance analysis	001	DISCRETIONARY	5	4/27/2026	THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	212182608	\$400,000
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	MO	R01HS029508	A Human Factors Approach to Mitigating Speech Communication Interference in the Operating Room	000	DISCRETIONARY	3	4/21/2026	THE CURATORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI	652113020	\$370,777
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	MD	R01HS028438	A quality and cost analysis of interprofessional team continuity in ICUs	000	DISCRETIONARY	5	4/21/2026	THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	212182608	\$200,533
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	MD	R33HS029372	ARC-CPR: Refinement and Large-Scale Simulation-Based Testing of a Novel Augmented Reality Point of Care Chest Compression Feedback System.	000	DISCRETIONARY	4	4/21/2026	THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	212182608	\$234,240
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	TX	R01HS029501	Deprescribing of Disease Modifying Agents in Older Adults with Multiple Sclerosis	001	DISCRETIONARY	4	4/21/2026	UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM	77204	\$397,090
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	OH	R18HS030070	Dissemination of a Facilitation Strategy to Deimplement Unnecessary Post-Operative Antibiotics at Children's Hospitals	000	DISCRETIONARY	3	4/21/2026	RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL	432052664	\$400,000

TAGGS Award Search Export														
All Obligations; Data Fiscal Year = 2026; OPDI's = AHRQ														
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2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	OR	R01HS028429	Emergency Medical Services for Children Evaluation of Readiness and Outcomes (EMSC-HERO)	000	DISCRETIONARY	5	4/21/2026	OREGON HEALTH & SCIENCE UNIVERSITY	972393011	\$375,447
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	MO	R01HS029324	EnhancEd HandOffs (ECHO)	000	DISCRETIONARY	4	4/21/2026	WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, THE	631304862	\$300,999
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	NC	K01HS028529	Evaluating the Implementation of High Intensity Home-Based Rehabilitation Following Stroke	000	DISCRETIONARY	6	4/21/2026	DUKE UNIVERSITY	277054640	\$16,662
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	MI	R01HS028606	Fulfilling the Promise of Hospital Consolidation to Improve Clinical Quality and Costs	000	DISCRETIONARY	5	4/21/2026	REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN	481091015	\$376,401
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	IL	R18HS028782	Healthy Hearts in Manufacturing: Improving Cardiovascular Care in Worksites Health Clinics	000	DISCRETIONARY	4	4/21/2026	NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY	602080001	\$37,999
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	NY	R18HS029126	Improving Outcomes in Chronic Intestinal Failure Using the ECHO Model: The LIFE-ECHO Last Mile Project	000	DISCRETIONARY	4	4/21/2026	ICAHN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT MOUNT SINAI	100296504	\$37,437
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	PA	R01HS029500	Implementing vancomycin-sparing regimens in preterm infants	000	DISCRETIONARY	3	4/17/2026	THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA	191044319	\$482,337
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	CO	R01HS028979	Optimizing the Clinical Management of Polypharmacy for Children with Medical Complexity	000	DISCRETIONARY	4	4/17/2026	THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO	80045	\$400,000
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	TN	R01HS029331	Reducing Overuse of Antibiotics with Decision Support: The ROADS Study	000	DISCRETIONARY	4	4/17/2026	VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER	372320001	\$46,669