

**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

**OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR LEAVE
TO FILE AN AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTAL COMPLAINT**

Defendants, by and through undersigned counsel, hereby submit this Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion for Leave to File an Amended and Supplemental Complaint, ECF No. 41 (the "Motion to Amend").

INTRODUCTION

In the Motion to Amend, Plaintiffs seek to add allegations to their Complaint¹ that over the summer AHRQ issued notices of its decisions to continue funding certain grants and not to continue funding others. Plaintiffs also seek to add an APA-contrary-to-law claim, which is materially similar to current Count II alleging a breach of prior Appropriations Acts, except the new claim speculates that AHRQ will fail to spend the entirety of its fiscal year 2026 appropriations in violation of the 2026 Appropriations Act (defined below). Like the prior Appropriations Acts, the 2026 Appropriations Act appropriates a lump sum to AHRQ to be spent on broad statutory purposes (including, but in no way limited to, grantmaking). These allegations

¹ Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in Defendants' Memorandum of Law in Support of Their Motion to Dismiss, ECF No. 33-1.

do not give rise to any new claim, nor do they support Plaintiffs’ current causes of action. If anything, the proposed amendments serve to confirm the grounds for dismissal set forth in Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss, ECF No. 33 (the “Motion to Dismiss”), which has been fully briefed and pending before this Court since March 31, 2026. Accordingly, the Motion to Amend should be denied because the proposed amendments are futile.

BACKGROUND

As of March 31, 2026, Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss has been fully briefed and pending determination by this Court. ECF Nos. 33, 34, 37. The background of this case is set forth in Defendants’ Memorandum of Law in Support of Their Motion to Dismiss, and, for purposes of brevity, Defendants incorporate that background herein. *See* ECF No. 33-1 at 3-7.

Since briefing on the Motion to Dismiss concluded, AHRQ has issued notices regarding whether it has decided to continue funding certain grants—awarding some, and not awarding others. On May 8, 2026, Defendants notified the Court that “AHRQ has awarded more than \$15 million in 35 continuation grants using its fiscal year 2026 appropriations since briefing on Defendants’ Motion [to Dismiss] was completed.” ECF No. 38; *see also* ECF No. 39 (Plaintiffs’ response). That number has since increased. As of the date of this filing, AHRQ has awarded \$21,800,450 in 71 continuation grants using its fiscal year 2026 appropriations.² It is also true that while AHRQ was issuing the above-described continuation awards, AHRQ also issued notices to many grantees denying their requests for continued grant funding.

² Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is a list of AHRQ’s grant actions to date with respect to fiscal year 2026 funds. Undersigned counsel exported Exhibit A from the Tracking Accountability Government Grants System (TAGGS) database, a publicly available online source of HHS grants on which Plaintiffs themselves have relied (and continue to rely) throughout this litigation. *See* ECF No. 4-1 at 8, n.8; ECF No. 34 at 11; ECF No. 41-2 ¶¶ 39, 42, 54. To generate Exhibit A, undersigned counsel utilized the same method as Plaintiffs in their briefing (*see* ECF No. 4-1 at 8, n.8)—*i.e.*, by filtering the TAGGS database for awards with “Issue Date FY” of 2026, “Funding FY” of 2026, and “Operating Division” of AHRQ; and then exporting the results into a PDF. *See* <https://taggs.hhs.gov/SearchAward>. The Court may take judicial notice of the information available on TAGGS, a federal government website. *E.g., Est. of Green v. City of Annapolis*, Case No. 24-cv-1351-MJM, 2025 WL 1029555, at *4 (D. Md. Apr. 7, 2025).

AHRQ has otherwise been busy planning new projects and determining how it will spend its lump sum appropriations for fiscal year 2026 and beyond. For example, just two days ago, HHS announced a \$32.5 million joint initiative (known as Developing Evidence for Programs to Ensure Nutrition for Development or “DEPEND”) by AHRQ and the National Institutes of Health (“NIH”) “to help schools replace highly processed foods with nutrient-dense, real food and identify effective, scalable strategies for improving school meals.” See <https://www.hhs.gov/press-room/hhs-depend-initiative-healthier-school-meals-real-food.html> (last visited Aug. 28, 2026). Other projects are underway. Plaintiffs’ speculations that AHRQ will not spend its 2026 appropriations in full are just that—speculations.

ARGUMENT

I. Legal Standard

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 15(a)(2) directs courts to “freely give leave [to amend a complaint before trial] when justice so requires,” but leave is properly denied where the amendments would be futile. *Oliver v. Dep’t of Pub. Safety & Corr. Servs.*, 350 F. Supp. 3d 340, 346 (D. Md. 2018), *aff’d*, 785 F. App’x 166 (4th Cir. 2019). “Futility is apparent if the proposed amended complaint fails to state a claim under the applicable rules and accompanying standards.” *Id.* (quoting *Katyle v. Penn Nat. Gaming, Inc.*, 637 F.3d 462, 471 (4th Cir. 2011)). “An amendment is futile when the proposed amended complaint does not state a claim under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6).” *Id.*; see also *Save Our Sound OBX, Inc. v. N. Carolina Dep’t of Transportation*, 914 F.3d 213, 228 (4th Cir. 2019) (“A proposed amendment is also futile if the claim it presents would not survive a motion to dismiss.”); *One Triple Two, LLC v. Divel*, Case No. 22-cv-2027-BAH, 2025 WL 2050398, at *3 (D. Md. July 22, 2025) (same).

On page 6 of their brief, Plaintiffs rely on an outdated standard for futility that does not

reflect the current law of this Circuit. *See* ECF No. 41-1 at 6 (quoting *Johnson v. Oroweat Foods Co.*, 785 F.2d 503, 510 (4th Cir. 1986)). In *In re Triangle Cap. Corp. Sec. Litig.*, the Fourth Circuit explained that:

Traditionally, we held that a proposed amendment was “futile” if it was “clearly insufficient or frivolous on its face,” [quoting *Johnson*, 785 F.2d at 510]. ***But in recent years, we have made clear that district courts are free to deny leave to amend as futile if the complaint fails to withstand Rule 12(b)(6) scrutiny.***

988 F.3d 743, 750 (4th Cir. 2021) (emphasis added). Accordingly, Defendants need not show that the proposed amendments are “clearly insufficient or frivolous”; it is enough that Plaintiffs’ proposed amendments cannot withstand a motion to dismiss. As explained below, this standard is met for many reasons.

II. Plaintiffs’ Motion to Amend Should Be Denied as Futile Because the Proposed Amendments to the Complaint Do Not Fix Plaintiffs’ Failure to State a Claim Over Which the Court Has Jurisdiction, Nor Do They Give Rise to Plaintiffs’ Proposed APA Contrary-to-Law Claim.

In the Motion to Amend, Plaintiffs seek to add allegations to their Complaint that, while AHRQ was awarding grant continuations over the summer, AHRQ also issued notices denying continued funding for certain grants. *See* ECF No. 41-3 at 4-5, 16-21, 24, 27. Plaintiffs also seek to add a new APA contrary-to-law claim, which is substantially identical to current Court II, except that instead of alleged violations of the 2024 Appropriations Act and 2025 Continuing Resolution, the new claim is based on alleged violations of the 2026 appropriations statute, *see* Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026, Pub. L. No. 119-75, 140 Stat. 173 (the “2026 Appropriations Act”). *See* ECF No. 41-3 at 25-26.

The Motion to Amend should be denied as futile. Plaintiffs’ proposed allegations do nothing to support Plaintiffs’ current causes of action or to resolve the pleading and jurisdictional deficiencies identified in Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss. ECF No. 33-1; ECF No. 37. *See, e.g.,*

Katyle, 637 F.3d at 466 (holding that district court properly denied leave to amend where the proposed amendments “would have no impact on the outcome of the motion to dismiss”) (quoting *U.S. Airline Pilots Ass’n v. AWAPPA, LLC*, 615 F.3d 312, 320 (4th Cir. 2010)).

If anything, the proposed amendments *strengthen* Defendants’ grounds for dismissal. For example, the proposed Amended Complaint, like the original Complaint, is premised on allegations that AHRQ shut down its grant program in the summer of 2025.³ As explained in Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss, this notion is belied by publicly available data showing that AHRQ did not in fact shut down its grant program but instead has issued millions of dollars in continuation grants using its 2025 and 2026 appropriations. ECF No. 33-1 at 9-11; ECF No. 37 at 1-5; ECF No. 38. In their proposed amendments, Plaintiffs *acknowledge* that AHRQ has awarded numerous continuation grants using 2025 and 2026 appropriations. *See* ECF No. 41-3 ¶¶ 39 (“AHRQ spent only \$94 million on research grants in fiscal year 2025”); 42 (“AHRQ has spent only \$17 million on grants in the first eleven months of the fiscal year” 2026); 54 (“According to the TAGGS database, AHRQ has spent only about \$17 million on grants out of its fiscal year 2026 appropriations.”). These allegations reflect an agency exercising judgment; not an agency that has ceased to function. They confirm what Defendants have argued from the outset: there is no “halt” or “cessation” of the grant program.

Plaintiffs’ criticism (materially unchanged from the original Complaint) is directed at *how much* AHRQ has decided to spend in 2025 and 2026 on grants to date, which is concededly less than it spent in the past. *Id.* But the critical point—which is not altered by anything included in

³ *See* ECF No. 41-3 ¶¶ 65 (Count I—“Defendants’ cessation of AHRQ’s grant program . . . is in violation of the [PHS] Act and relevant AHRQ regulations”); 68 (Count II—“Defendants’ cessation of AHRQ’s grant program” violates the 2024 Appropriations Act and 2025 Continuing Resolution); 71 (Count III—“Defendants’ cessation of AHRQ’s grant program” violates the 2026 Appropriations Act); 77 (Count IV—“By making it impossible for AHRQ to spend the funds appropriated to it,” Defendants violated the ICA); 81 (Count V—“By halting AHRQ’s grantmaking program, Defendants have acted arbitrary and capriciously.”); 84 (Count VI—“By halting AHRQ’s grantmaking program,” Defendants have unlawfully withheld or unreasonably delayed agency action).

Plaintiffs’ proposed amendments—is that *nothing requires AHRQ to spend more of its lump-sum appropriations on its discretionary grant program*. See ECF No. 33-1 at 19-24.⁴ This was true before July 2026, and it is true now. Plaintiffs’ proposed amendments are, therefore, futile.

Plaintiffs’ standing is also negatively impacted by the proposed allegations. See ECF No. 33-1 at 11-13; ECF No. 37 at 5-8. Plaintiffs’ alleged injuries—insofar as they are based on continuation grant applicants “not receiving adequate and timely responses to their applications,” “hav[ing] no way of competing for [] funding,” and “hav[ing] wasted hundreds of hours putting together applications that will never be reviewed” (ECF No. 1 ¶ 40)—have now been redressed by AHRQ having issued notices regarding the continuation grant applications. Indeed, any portions of the Complaint alleging a cause of action based on AHRQ’s failure to evaluate applications for continuation grants and seeking an Order compelling the same are now moot. See Compl. ¶ 45 (Count I—“Defendants’ cessation of AHRQ’s grant program, including by not processing grant applications or issuing grant awards, is in violation of the Public Health Service Act and relevant AHRQ regulations.”); *id.* at 20 (Prayer for Relief ¶ c, seeking an Order compelling AHRQ to “evaluate pending grant applications”). Beyond applicants for continuation grants, Plaintiffs do not (and cannot) allege that applicants for *new* grants are likely to be awarded grant funding, which negates their lost-opportunity-to-compete theory of standing. See ECF No. 33-1 at 12-13 & n.7; ECF No. 34 at 12, 13-14 (standing theory with respect to applicants for new awards relies upon injury in the form of having “been left without any way to compete for AHRQ funding”); ECF No. 37 at 6-8.

⁴ See 42 C.F.R. § 67.17(a) (“Within the limits of available funds, the Administrator *may* award grants to those applicants whose projects are being considered for funding, which *in the judgment of the Administrator*, will promote best the purposes of Title IX of the PHS Act . . . , AHCPR priorities, and the regulations of this subpart.”) (emphasis added); *id.* § 67.17(e) (“Neither the approval of any application nor the award of any grant commits or obligates the Federal Government in any way to make any additional, supplemental, continuation, or other award with respect to any approved application.”). *Cf. Lincoln v. Vigil*, 508 U.S. 182, 191-95 (1993) (an agency’s allocation of their lump-sum appropriations is “committed to agency discretion by law” and not reviewable under the APA).

Plaintiffs’ proposed amendments also substantially weaken their arguments regarding the existence of a discrete and final agency action. *See* ECF No. 33-1 at 13-18; ECF No. 37 at 8-10. Plaintiffs’ proposed amendments serve to emphasize that Plaintiffs, whose claims are premised on AHRQ’s “cessation” or “halting” of its entire grant program in June 2025 (*see supra* note 3), are improperly attempting to challenge more than a years’ worth of agency conduct, which is ongoing, as though it were a discrete and final agency action. It is not. *E.g., Vill. of Bald Head Island v. U.S. Army Corps of Eng’rs*, 714 F.3d 186, 193 (4th Cir. 2013) (“The term ‘action’ as used in the APA is a term of art that does not include all conduct such as, for example, constructing a building, operating a program, or performing a contract.”). And in the absence of a discrete and final agency action, APA review is foreclosed. *See id.*

Finally, Plaintiffs’ proposed new cause of action—Count III, asserting an APA contrary-to-law claim based on speculations that AHRQ will not spend all money appropriated to it in the 2026 Appropriations Act—is substantially identical to Count II and should be dismissed for the same reasons that Defendants have sought to dismiss Count II. *See* ECF No. 33-1 at 23-25; ECF No. 37 at 13-14. The language included in the 2026 Appropriations Act and the 2024 Appropriations Act is *identical*, except for the amount appropriated (\$345,380,000 in 2026 and \$369,000,000 in 2024/2025). *Compare* 2026 Appropriations Act, 140 Stat. 173, 272, *with* 2024 Appropriations Act, 138 Stat. 460, 661-62; 2025 Continuing Resolution, 139 Stat. 9, 10-11, § 1101(a)(8). These Appropriations Acts authorize funding to AHRQ in a lump-sum appropriation and contain no mandatory language whatsoever. *Id.* Even assuming that Plaintiffs’ speculations regarding AHRQ’s 2026 spend have any factual merit, the Appropriations Acts simply do not require that AHRQ obligate all funds it has been appropriated in lump-sum, let alone that AHRQ obligate such funds towards grantmaking.

Further, the language in the 2026 Appropriations Act requiring HHS to “support staffing levels necessary to fulfill its statutory responsibilities, including carrying out programs, projects, and activities funded in this title of this Act in a timely manner” does not change the analysis. *See* 2026 Appropriations Act, 140 Stat. 173, 292. As explained in Defendants’ Motion to Dismiss, AHRQ *is* fulfilling its statutory responsibilities (*see* ECF No. 33-1 at 19-23; ECF No. 37 at 11-13), and there are no “programs, projects, and activities funded *in this title of this Act*” applicable to AHRQ, which receives a lump-sum appropriation to be spent on broad statutory purposes (unlike other HHS component agencies, which may be appropriated funds for specific programs set forth as line items in the appropriations acts). *See* 2026 Appropriations Act, 140 Stat. 173, 272.

Plaintiffs’ proposed amendments do not materially alter the original Complaint, which fails to state a claim over which this Court has jurisdiction. Accordingly, the Motion to Amend should be denied as futile. *E.g., One Triple Two*, 2025 WL 2050398, at *3 (denying leave to amend where proposed additions failed to correct deficiencies in the original complaint).

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiffs’ Motion to Amend, ECF No. 41, should be denied. A proposed order is attached.

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EXHIBIT A

TAGGS Award Search Export														
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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	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	OH	R01HS029183	A Randomized Clinical Trial of Smartphone Virtual Reality for Pain Management During Burn Care Transition	000	DISCRETIONARY	5	8/20/2026	RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL	432052664	\$39,002
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	MN	R18HS029774	Connecting Primary Care to Substance Use Disorder Treatment Using a Telehealth Collaborative Care Platform	000	DISCRETIONARY	4	8/20/2026	MAYO CLINIC	559050001	\$639,000
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	OH	R18HS029626	Digital Innovation, Simulation, and Collaboration using Virtual Environment Realities (DISCOVER) for Pediatric Diagnostic	000	DISCRETIONARY	4	8/20/2026	CHILDRENS HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER	452293039	\$500,000
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	KY	R18HS030202	Disseminating and Implementing MedSMART Families in Emergency Departments: A Randomized Control Trial to Assess Effectiveness of an Evidence-Based Gaming Intervention to Reduce Opioid Misuse	000	DISCRETIONARY	3	8/20/2026	UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY RESEARCH FOUNDATION, THE	405260001	\$399,998
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	DC	K08HS029515	Improving risk prediction for children seeking emergency medical services (EMS) care with non-emergent complaints	000	DISCRETIONARY	3	8/20/2026	CHILDREN'S RESEARCH INSTITUTE	20010	\$140,700
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	MO	R01HS029020	Integrating real-time clinical activity and behavioral responses for characterizing cognitive load and errors (ICGNITE)	000	DISCRETIONARY	5	8/20/2026	WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, THE	631304862	\$39,999
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	DC	R18HS029458	Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Learning Laboratory in a Free-standing Children's Hospital	000	DISCRETIONARY	4	8/20/2026	CHILDREN'S NATIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	200102916	\$440,003
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	IL	R18HS029483	Shock Patients: Interprofessional Communication to Enhance Diagnosis (SPICED)	000	DISCRETIONARY	4	8/20/2026	NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY	602080001	\$499,999
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	CO	R18HS029786	The Right Call: Implementing a Sepsis Diagnostic Safety Toolkit in a Pediatric Transfer Call Center to Improve Diagnosis of Children in General Emergency Settings	000	DISCRETIONARY	4	8/20/2026	THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO	80045	\$479,767
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	OH	R18HS029782	The S/Top UNhealthy Substance Use Now Trial (STUN II)	000	DISCRETIONARY	4	8/20/2026	OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, THE	432101016	\$67,707
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	IA	R33HS029959	Improving Identification and Coordination of Mobility Interventions in the ICU Using Clinical Decision Support	000	DISCRETIONARY	3	8/18/2026	THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA	522421316	\$243,311
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	NY	R18HS029122	Patient-Driven Medication Safety Learning Laboratory in Care Transitions	000	DISCRETIONARY	4	8/18/2026	THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK	142282577	\$473,613
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	CA	R01HS029005	The DECREASE SSI Trial (Decolonization to Reduce After-Surgery Events of Surgical Site Infection)	000	DISCRETIONARY	5	8/18/2026	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IRVINE	926970001	\$489,929
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	CA	U18HS029951	Broadening the scale and impact of a comprehensive Long COVID clinic to serve diverse patient groups with multidisciplinary care and research access	000	COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT	3	7/20/2026	REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO, THE	94103	\$1,000,000
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	OH	R18HS030070	Dissemination of a Facilitation Strategy to Deimplement Unnecessary Post-Operative Antibiotics at Children's Hospitals	002	DISCRETIONARY	3	7/14/2026	RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL	432052664	\$400,000
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	IL	R18HS028782	Healthy Hearts in Manufacturing: Improving Cardiovascular Care in Workplace Health Clinics	002	DISCRETIONARY	4	7/14/2026	NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY	602080001	\$399,999
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	002	DISCRETIONARY	4	7/14/2026	ICAHN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT MOUNT SINAI	100296504	\$393,337
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	MD	R01HS028806	The impact of specialty nursing certification on patient outcomes and costs in acute care: An individual value-added performance analysis	003	DISCRETIONARY	5	7/14/2026	THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	212182608	\$400,000
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	MO	R01HS029508	A Human Factors Approach to Mitigating Speech Communication Interference in the Operating Room	002	DISCRETIONARY	3	5/21/2026	THE CURATORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI	652113020	\$393,177
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	MD	R01HS028438	A quality and cost analysis of interprofessional team continuity in ICUs	002	DISCRETIONARY	5	5/21/2026	THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	212182608	\$399,533
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	MD	R33HS029372	AR-C-PCR: Refinement and Large-Scale Simulation-Based Testing of a Novel Augmented Reality Point of Care Chest Compression Feedback System.	002	DISCRETIONARY	4	5/21/2026	THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	212182608	\$293,340
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	TX	R01HS029501	Deprescribing of Disease Modifying Agents in Older Adults with Multiple Sclerosis	003	DISCRETIONARY	4	5/21/2026	UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM	77204	\$397,090
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	MO	R01HS029324	Enhanced HandOffs (ECHO)	002	DISCRETIONARY	4	5/21/2026	WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, THE	631304862	\$399,999
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	NC	K01HS028529	Evaluating the Implementation of High Intensity Home-Based Rehabilitation Following Stroke	002	DISCRETIONARY	6	5/21/2026	DUKE UNIVERSITY	277054640	\$143,662

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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	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	MI R01HS028606	Fulfilling the Promise of Hospital Consolidation to Improve Clinical Quality and Costs	002	DISCRETIONARY	5	5/21/2026	REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN	481091015	\$3,0401
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	001	DISCRETIONARY	5	5/12/2026	REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN	481091015	\$3,0401
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	MD R01HS028806	The impact of specialty nursing certification on patient outcomes and costs in acute care: An individual value-added performance analysis	002	DISCRETIONARY	5	5/12/2026	THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	212182608	\$4,0000
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	MO R01HS029508	A Human Factors Approach to Mitigating Speech Communication Interference in the Operating Room	001	DISCRETIONARY	3	5/11/2026	THE CURATORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI	652113020	\$3,6177
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	MD R01HS028438	A quality and cost analysis of interprofessional team continuity in ICUs	001	DISCRETIONARY	5	5/11/2026	THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	212182608	\$3,5533
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	MD R33HS029372	AR-CPR: Refinement and Large-Scale Simulation-Based Testing of a Novel Augmented Reality Point of Care Chest Compression Feedback System.	001	DISCRETIONARY	4	5/11/2026	THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	212182608	\$2,2040
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	TX R01HS029501	Deprescribing of Disease Modifying Agents in Older Adults with Multiple Sclerosis	002	DISCRETIONARY	4	5/11/2026	UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM	77204	\$3,7190
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	OH R18HS030070	Dissemination of a Facilitation Strategy to Deimplement Unnecessary Post-Operative Antibiotics at Children's Hospitals	001	DISCRETIONARY	3	5/11/2026	RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL	432052664	\$4,0000
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	MO R01HS029324	Enhancing HandOffs (ECHO)	001	DISCRETIONARY	4	5/11/2026	WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, THE	631304862	\$3,9499
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	NC K01HS028529	Evaluating the Implementation of High Intensity Home-Based Rehabilitation Following Stroke	001	DISCRETIONARY	6	5/11/2026	DUKE UNIVERSITY	277054640	\$143,662
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	IL R18HS028782	Healthy Hearts in Manufacturing: Improving Cardiovascular Care in Worksite Health Clinics	001	DISCRETIONARY	4	5/11/2026	NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY	602080001	\$3,999
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	001	DISCRETIONARY	4	5/11/2026	ICAHN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT MOUNT SINAI	100296504	\$3,0437
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	MO R01HS029872	Combating Community-Associated Antimicrobial Resistant Organisms Combat CA-ARO Study	000	DISCRETIONARY	3	4/28/2026	WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, THE	631304862	\$4,241
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	PA R01HS029879	Optimizing antibiotic selection in hematology malignancy patients with reported beta-lactam allergy	000	DISCRETIONARY	3	4/28/2026	TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, THE	191046205	\$498,499
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	MD R01HS028634	Respiratory Culture Stewardship to Reduce Antibiotic Use in Critically Ill Children	000	DISCRETIONARY	5	4/28/2026	THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	212182608	\$4,7726
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	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	\$466,159
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	MA R01HS028982	Advancing Health Information (HIE) During Inter-hospital Transfer (IHT) to Improve Patient Outcomes	000	DISCRETIONARY	5	4/27/2026	BRIGHAM & WOMENS HOSPITAL INC	021156110	\$3,449
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	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	\$48,936
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	MA R01HS029470	Assessing the Effects of EHR Optimization Interventions in Primary Care	000	DISCRETIONARY	3	4/27/2026	BRIGHAM & WOMENS HOSPITAL INC	021156110	\$409,900
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	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	\$3,306
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	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	\$46,000
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	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	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	MA R01HS028458	Epidemic Surge Model Use to Improve Patient, Staff, and System Safety and Resiliency	000	DISCRETIONARY	5	4/27/2026	NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY	021155005	\$3,999
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	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	\$46,000
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	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	\$3,111
2026						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	90033	\$998,292
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	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	\$142,168

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2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	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	\$3,440,401
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	WA	R18HS029607	Pediatric Transport Learning Laboratory	000	DISCRETIONARY	4	4/27/2026	UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON	981951016	\$400,939
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	MN	R18HS029616	REST-PSL: 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	\$499,999
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	PA	R01HS029188	Smart checklist implementation for pediatric tracheal intubations in the ICU- multicenter study: SMART PICU	000	DISCRETIONARY	4	4/27/2026	THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA	191044319	\$3,881,777
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	MD	U18HS029937	Supporting Patients Recovering from COVID-19 (SPaRC)	000	COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT	3	4/27/2026	THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	212182608	\$994,113
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	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	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	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	\$3,881,777
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	MD	R01HS028438	A quality and cost analysis of interprofessional team continuity in ICUs	000	DISCRETIONARY	5	4/21/2026	THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	212182608	\$3,000,333
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	MD	R33HS029372	AR-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	\$2,440,440
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	TX	R01HS029501	Deprescribing of Disease Modifying Agents in Older Adults with Multiple Sclerosis	001	DISCRETIONARY	4	4/21/2026	UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM	77204	\$3,970,090
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	OH	R18HS030070	Dissemination of a Facilitation Strategy to Dismantle Unnecessary Post-Operative Antibiotics at Children's Hospitals	000	DISCRETIONARY	3	4/21/2026	RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL	432052664	\$400,000
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	\$3,447,447
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	\$3,999,999
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	\$1,416,662
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	\$3,640,401
2026	2026	AHRQ	93226	Research on Healthcare Costs, Quality and Outcomes	IL	R18HS028782	Healthy Hearts in Manufacturing: Improving Cardiovascular Care in Worksite Health Clinics	000	DISCRETIONARY	4	4/21/2026	NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY	602080001	\$3,999,999
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	\$3,437,437
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	\$400,937
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 Overage of Antibiotics with Decision Support: The ROADS Study	000	DISCRETIONARY	4	4/17/2026	VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER	372320001	\$400,669

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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SOCIETY OF GENERAL INTERNAL
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v.

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

Defendants.

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

ORDER

Upon consideration of Plaintiffs' Motion for Leave to File an Amended and Supplemental Complaint, ECF No. 41 (the "Motion to Amend"), Defendants' Opposition, and all other matters in support thereof and in opposition thereto, it is this ____ day of _____, 2026, by the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, hereby,

ORDERED that Plaintiffs' Motion to Amend is **DENIED**.

Brendan A. Hurson
United States District Judge