The purpose of this program is to facilitate the delivery of quality health care for children and youth with epilepsy (CYE) by: 1) implementing evidence-based and innovative models of telehealth and/or telemedicine (including mobile health or mhealth) using health information technologies; 2) implementing the Got Transition Six Core Elements Framework to help youth successfully transition from the pediatric to adult system of health care; and (3) facilitating outreach and education regarding epilepsy among pertinent stakeholders.

The goal of this initiative is to utilize quality improvement methods and measure outcomes to improve access to coordinated and comprehensive quality care for CYE, with an emphasis on populations experiencing health disparities and CYE residing in underserved and/or rural communities. A minimum of 20 percent of the target population to be served through this funding opportunity must include populations experiencing health disparities and must be medically underserved. The target population can be within a state or a broad geographic region. Each applicant’s project must reach a minimum of 1,000 CYE. All awardees will be responsible for convening quality improvement learning collaboratives focused on implementing technology and addressing youth transition by implementing the Got Transition Six Core Elements Framework. These collaboratives should test and implement effective strategies to improve access to specialty care and the quality of care received by the target population.

Awardees will be expected to partner with CYE and their families, hospitals, federally qualified health centers, primary care physician’s offices, rural health clinics, community health centers, specialty centers, epilepsy support and advocacy groups, and/or state provider organizations.
LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PROPOSALS PER ORGANIZATION
One application per institution is allowed.

KEY DATES
If you are interested in this funding opportunity, please send a one-page summary of the proposed research and your biosketch to Eric Boberg (e-boberg@northwestern.edu) by March 21, 2016.

The sponsor application due date is May 12, 2016.

COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES
The Office of Research Development offers assistance in identifying and facilitating collaborations, putting together interdisciplinary teams, programmatic and administrative development of large, cross-school proposals, and leveraging institutional resources for outreach and education. Contact Fruma Yehiely (yehiely@northwestern.edu), Associate Vice President for Research, for more information.

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