

HDSA is now soliciting Letters of Intent from Huntington's disease (HD) clinics **that were not HDSA Centers of Excellence in 2022 and**

- are located more than 150 miles from an existing HDSA Center of Excellence. Click here to search a map of existing HDSA Centers of Excellence OR
- are located in a state without an HDSA Center of Excellence OR
- serve a different insured HD population within the same state

that would like to be considered for HDSA Center of Excellence designation in 2023.

The <u>HDSA Center of Excellence program</u> is the cornerstone of HDSA's commitment to care. HDSA Centers of Excellence provide comprehensive multidisciplinary clinical services to families affected by HD. Services are centered on regularly scheduled HD clinic days at which an individual's HD care needs are defined, assessed and addressed. These services include, but are not limited to, neurology, psychology, genetic counseling/testing, social services, ancillary therapies (OT, PT, and Speech) and HD clinical trials.

The goal of the HDSA Center of Excellence program is to increase access to the best possible clinical care and services for persons affected by HD and their families through a geographically diverse network of medical and social services. Since 2015, HDSA has grown the Center of Excellence program from 20 sites to 55 (with 10 partner sites) in 2022 in an effort to expand access to essential HD care services in some of the least served areas of the country.

To learn more and complete the online Letter of Intent, go to https://hdsacentersofexcellence.secure-platform.com/a. Please feel free to share this information with any HD clinics in your area that are not currently HDSA Centers of Excellence.

The deadline for submitting a Letter of Intent is September 16th 2022 at 5:00 p.m. EDT. Those who meet the minimum requirements will be invited to submit a full application. Applications will be due November 18th, 2022 at 5pm EST. Grants will be awarded in February 2023 and are retroactive to January 1st.

Please contact Deb Lovecky, Director of Educational Programs, at dlovecky@hdsa.org if you have any questions.