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To: TB Control Program Recipients

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Subject: Attendance at the 2020 National Tuberculosis Controllers Association (NTCA) Annual Conference under Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) PS20-2001, CDC Tuberculosis Elimination and Laboratory Cooperative Agreement

Dear Recipient:

This letter is a reminder that recipients under the subject cooperative agreement shall ensure that at least one key individual from their program attend the National Tuberculosis Controllers Association (NTCA) annual conference from May 27-29, 2020 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Tuberculosis Elimination, has received communication that some cooperative agreement recipients may not be able to attend this conference due to internal prohibition relative to out-of-jurisdiction travel.

If travel prohibition is a concern in your area, we recommend that you contact the appropriate authority in your government administration to explain the circumstance and obtain a waiver from the travel prohibition. This will prevent key personnel in your TB program from missing this significant national meeting of TB control leaders, national subject matter experts and critical government and private sector stakeholders. The unintended consequence of not attending this meeting could negatively impact your programs’ ability to meet performance expectations outlined in the federal cooperative agreement.
If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Ms. Louvern Asante, Grants Management Specialist at (770) 488.2858 or lha5@cdc.gov.

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