

HEALTH CARE

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS - Infrastructure Grants

Description: Provides funding to Community Health Centers (CHC) for construction, renovation, equipment and for health information technology system acquisitions.

Funding Mechanism: Direct funding to Community Health Centers, but the distribution method unknown at this time.

Eligible Entities: Non-Profit Organizations

Responsibility for Implementation: Federal

Federal Agency: Health & Human Services, Dept. of

Federal Web Site: <http://www.bphc.hrsa.gov>

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS - Health Resources and Services

Description: Provides funding to increase services provided at Community Health Centers for uninsured and underinsured populations

Funding Mechanism: Direct funding to Community Health Centers, but the distribution method unknown at this time.

Eligible Entities: Non-Profit Organizations

Responsibility for Implementation: State

Federal Agency: Health & Human Services, Dept. of

Federal Web Site: <http://bphc.hrsa.gov>

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - Privacy Provisions

Description: Expands and strengthens federal health information privacy and security regulations. Key provisions afford greater control to consumers over the use and disclosure of their health information; make business associates of covered entities more accountable for privacy and security, including new groups that previously were not covered by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Increases penalties for violations and provide more resources for enforcement and oversight.

Responsibility for Implementation: Federal

Federal Agency: Health & Human Services, Dept. of

Federal Web Site: <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/index.html>

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (HIT) - State Grants to Promote HIT

Description: Provides for the federal Office of the National Coordinator for HIT (ONC) to establish a program designed to facilitate and expand HIT according to nationally recognized standards

Funding Mechanism: Competitive grants to states or Qualified State-Designated Entities (QSDE) for planning and implementation grants for a wide variety of HIT activities.

Eligible Entities: State Government

Responsibility for Implementation: State

Federal Agency: Health & Human Services, Dept. of

Federal Web Site: <http://www.hhs.gov/healthit>

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (HIT) - Electronic Health Record Technology Loan Fund

Description: Provides funding for grants to establish loan programs for health care providers who agree to comply with certain requirements to purchase certified electronic health record (HER) technology, train personnel in the use of such technology, upgrade HIT to meet certification criteria and improve security.

Funding Mechanism: The Office of National Coordinator, US Department of Health & Human Services may award competitive grants for loan programs to states or Indian tribes.

Eligible Entities: State Government Tribal Government

Responsibility for Implementation: Federal

Federal Agency: Health & Human Services, Dept. of

Federal Web Site: <http://www.hhs.gov/healthit>

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (HIT) - Medicare - Incentives for Eligible Professionals

Description: Provides financial incentives for non-hospital based Eligible Professionals (EP) (health care providers) to adopt and use certified electronic health records.

Funding Mechanism: Federal incentive payments to EPs based on the total amount of Medicare-covered professional services furnished over the year in question. EPs practicing in a Health Professional Shortage Areas can receive an additional payment.

Eligible Entities: Other

Responsibility for Implementation: Federal

Federal Agency: Health & Human Services, Dept. of

Federal Web Site: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/home/medicare.asp>

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (HIT) - Medicare - Incentives for Hospitals

Description: Provides financial incentives for hospitals to adopt and use certified electronic health records (EHRs).

Funding Mechanism: Federal incentive payments are made to hospitals using a complex formula. Payments to Critical Access Hospitals are capped.

Eligible Entities: Other

Responsibility for Implementation: Federal

Federal Agency: Health & Human Services, Dept. of

Federal Web Site: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/home/medicare.asp>;
www.cms.hhs.gov/home/medicaid.asp

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (HIT) - Medicaid - HIT Incentives for Hospitals

Description: Allows states to reimburse eligible hospitals for the cost of qualified HIT purchases over a five-year period.

Funding Mechanism: Federal payments are made to states to reimburse eligible hospitals for costs incurred when acquiring, implementing, and maintaining electronic health records and for state costs to administer the program.

Eligible Entities: Other

Responsibility for Implementation: State

Federal Agency: Health & Human Services, Dept. of

Federal Web Site: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/home/medicaid.asp>

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (HIT) - Medicaid - Incentives for Eligible Professionals

Description: Allows states to reimburse eligible Medicaid providers for the cost of qualified HIT purchases over a five-year period. The federal financial participation (FFP) rate is 100% for Medicaid providers' purchase of certified electronic health records and 90% for certain administrative expenses.

Funding Mechanism: Federal payments are made to states to reimburse Medicaid providers for costs incurred when acquiring, implementing, and maintaining electronic health records.

Eligible Entities: Other

Responsibility for Implementation: State

Federal Agency: Health & Human Services, Dept. of

Federal Web Site: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/home/medicaid.asp>

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (HIT) - Office of National Coordinator (ONC) for HIT

Description: Provides funding to carry out HIT strategic planning, infrastructure development, and technical assistance and support regional or sub-national HIE efforts and the National Institute of Standards and Technology for continued work on advancing health care information enterprise integration in coordination with ONC.

Funding Mechanism: Funds allocated to federal ONC. A portion of funds could be used for grants to states and loan programs to states and tribal governments as well as for technical assistance.

Eligible Entities: State Government Tribal Government
Responsibility for Implementation: Federal

Federal Agency: Health & Human Services, Dept. of
Federal Web Site: <http://www/hhs.gov/healthit>

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (HIT) - Indian Health Services

Description: Provides funding for HIT activities; such funds may be used for infrastructure and development.

Funding Mechanism: Funds shall be allocated at the discretion of the Director of the Indian Health Service.

Eligible Entities: Tribal Government
Responsibility for Implementation: Federal

Federal Agency: Health & Human Services, Dept. of
Federal Web Site: <http://www.ihs.gov>

HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES - Health Professionals Workforce

Description: Provides funding to address health professional workforce shortages. Funds may be used to provide scholarships, loan repayments, and grants to training programs for equipment and other grants.

Funding Mechanism: Unknown at this time.

Responsibility for Implementation: Federal State

Federal Agency: Health & Human Services, Dept. of
Federal Web Site: <http://www.nhsc.bhpr.hrsa.gov/applications/lrp/default.htm>

INDIAN HEALTH FACILITIES

Description: The Indian Health Service is directed to use the funding provided for health care facilities construction to complete ongoing high priority facilities construction projects. The agreement includes language proposed by the Senate that exempts the funds provided in this bill for the purchase of medical equipment from spending caps carried in the annual appropriation bill in order to provide the maximum flexibility to the Service in meeting the highest priority needs of the tribes.

Funding Mechanism: Funds are provided for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) under title VIII (Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education) of this Act for the purpose of providing oversight capability over all HHS programs, including the Indian Health Service.

Eligible Entities: Other Tribal Government

Responsibility for Implementation: Federal

Federal Agency: Health & Human Services, Dept. of

Federal Web Site: <http://www.ihs.gov/index.asp>

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES - HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Description: Provides funding for Health Information Technology for infrastructure development and deployment.

Eligible Entities: Tribal Government

Responsibility for Implementation: Federal

Federal Agency: Health & Human Services, Dept. of

Federal Web Site: <http://www.ihs.gov/index.asp>

LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION GRANTS - Department of Commerce

Description: Provides funding for competitive grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to remove lead-based paint hazards in low-income housing.

Funding Mechanism: funding provided as the result of a competitive grant which was applied for in FY2008, but was not funded due to a lack of funding at that time. Commerce would distribute to local remediation contractors or property owners.

Eligible Entities: Local Government Non-Profit Organizations

Responsibility for Implementation: State

Federal Agency: Housing and Urban Development, Dept. of

Federal Web Site: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/>

LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION GRANTS - Department of Health Services

Description: Provides funding for competitive grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to remove lead-based paint hazards in low-income housing.

Funding Mechanism: Funding as the result of a competitive grant which was applied for in FY2008, but was not funded due to a lack of funding at that time.

Eligible Entities: Local Government Non-Profit Organizations

Responsibility for Implementation: State

Federal Agency: Housing and Urban Development, Dept. of

Federal Web Site: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/>

LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION GRANTS - Local Governments

Description: Provides funding to remove lead-based paint hazards in low-income housing.

Funding Mechanism: Funding provided to Milwaukee, Kenosha and Rock County as the result of a competitive grant which was applied for in FY2008, but was not funded due to a lack of funding at that time.

Eligible Entities: Individuals Non-Profit Organizations

Responsibility for Implementation: Local

Federal Agency: Housing and Urban Development, Dept. of

Federal Web Site: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/>

MEDICAID - FMAP Increase

Description: Provides a temporary increase in FMAP of 6.2%, effective October 1 through December 31, 2010. Additional FMAP increases for higher unemployment.

Funding Mechanism: Increased federal matching rate on state Medicaid expenditures.

Eligible Entities: State Government

Responsibility for Implementation: State

Federal Agency: Health & Human Services, Dept. of

Federal Web Site: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/home/medicaid.asp>

MEDICAID - Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Payments

Description: Temporary 2.5% increase in the state DSH allotment for FYs 2009 and 2010.

Funding Mechanism: Formula funds to state Medicaid program

Eligible Entities: State Government

Responsibility for Implementation: Federal State

Federal Agency: Health & Human Services, Dept. of

Federal Web Site: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/home/medicaid.asp>

PREVENTION AND WELLNESS FUND - Centers for Disease Control Immunization Program

Description: Provides funding to increase the number of students who receive age-appropriate vaccinations and decrease the transmission of communicable diseases in schools.

Funding Mechanism: Formula allocation to the state with funds distributed through DHS's current distribution network

Eligible Entities: Local Government Other Tribal Government

Responsibility for Implementation: Federal

Federal Agency: Health & Human Services, Dept. of

Federal Web Site: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines>

PREVENTION AND WELLNESS FUND - Infections Reduction Strategies

Description: Provides funding to carry out activities to implement healthcare-associated infections reduction strategies.

Funding Mechanism: Funds provided to the state; allocation and eligibility unknown at this time.

Responsibility for Implementation: State

Federal Agency: Health & Human Services, Dept. of

Federal Web Site: <http://www.cdc.gov>

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) - FoodShare Administration

Description: Provides funding for the state's administration of the Federal SNAP program.

Funding Mechanism: Grant funding for SNAP administration expenses. Seventy-five % of the grant allocation will be based on program participation and 25 % will be based on program growth.

Eligible Entities: State Government

Responsibility for Implementation: State

Federal Agency: Agriculture, Dept. of

Federal Web Site: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/>

WELLNESS AND PREVENTION FUND - Prevention and Wellness Strategies

Description: Provides funding to carry out evidence-based clinical and community-based prevention and wellness strategies authorized by the Public Health Services Act..

Funding Mechanism: Funding allocation and eligibility unknown at this time.

Responsibility for Implementation: Federal

Federal Agency: Health & Human Services, Dept. of

Federal Web Site: <http://www.thecommunityguide.org/index.html>

WORKFORCE TRAINING GRANTS FOR HIGH GROWTH AND EMERGING INDUSTRIES - Health Care Sector

Description: Provides funding for worker training and placement in high growth and emerging industries. While a major portion of available funding is for research, labor exchange and job training projects that prepare individuals for careers in energy efficiency and renewable energy as defined in the Workforce Investment Act Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Worker Training Program [Section 171(e)(1)(B) of the Workforce Investment Act], other funding may also be available for projects that prepare workers for careers in the health care sector.

Funding Mechanism: Competitive grants, process not yet specified.

Eligible Entities: Other

Responsibility for Implementation: Federal

Federal Agency: Labor, Dept. of

Federal Web Site: <http://www.doleta.gov/grants/>