

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Special Open Door Forum:  
Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA)  
Outreach and Enrollment Grants- Cycle I

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

2:00PM – 4:00PM ET

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will hold a Special Open Door Forum (ODF) to discuss the solicitation for the Outreach and Enrollment Grants authorized in the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA) (Pub.L. 111-3).

CHIPRA includes a number of provisions increasing outreach funding and activities to enroll eligible, but uninsured children, in coverage with a particular focus on those who are the most difficult to reach. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will award a total of \$80 million during two or more award cycles to eligible entities to conduct targeted outreach, resulting in increased enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP of eligible but unenrolled children. The solicitation for the Outreach and Enrollment Grants will be the subject of this teleconference.

CHIPRA provides \$80 million for fiscal years 2009-2013, expressly for the purpose of providing outreach grant money to find these children and ensure that they are enrolled in the Medicaid and CHIP programs and that they retain this coverage while they are eligible. The award of these grants is based on the following principles:

- Outreach must be results driven and connected to actual enrollment and retention of children in these programs;
- Grantees must be able to provide sound data demonstrating the connection between the proposed outreach efforts and resultant program enrollment and retention;
- Data and systems improvements will be considered for funding within a proposal, when the applicant can demonstrate that these are appropriate within the context of the outreach strategies and will result in increased enrollment and retention;
- It is CMS' intent to share best practices and lessons learned among grantees and we are particularly interested in successful outreach efforts that can be replicated.

During this Special ODF CMS staff will discuss:

- Key components of the solicitation,
- Key dates for the solicitation,
- Answers to questions received in the CMS CHIPRA Outreach Grant Resource Box,
- Questions from attendees regarding the solicitation.

We look forward to your participation.

Special Open Door Forum Participation Instructions:

Dial: 1-800-837-1935

Reference Conference 17418037

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