

Making Every Dollar Count

ARRA

American Recovery and Reinvestment
Act of 2009

Key Messages

- Overall...boost the American economy, 787 Billion—all areas
- For IHS, 85 Million for Health Information Technology (HIT) infrastructure development
- 415 Million to Office of Environmental Health (OEH) for facilities, construction, maintenance, and improvements, including 20M for equipment
- Numerous sections that will provide money incentives for meaningful use of the Electronic Health Record (EHR) (Sec 3104, 4101, 4102, 4104—and grants)

Key Messages (Cont.)

- Sec 5001: Temporary increase in Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) will help states maintain eligibility
- Sec 5002: Temporary increase in disproportionate-share hospital (DSH)
- Sec 5006: Protections for Indians under Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
 - Exempts Cost Sharing, including Contract Health Systems (CHS)
 - Exempt certain property for Elig
 - Exempts Indian Property from Estate Recovery
 - Managed Care-specific rules

Key Messages (Cont.)

- Sec 5007: Tribal Consultation on Medicaid and CHIP
- Formalizes in law Tribal Technical Advisory Committee at national level to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on Medicare and Medicaid and CHIP
- Requires states to consult with Tribes on healthcare reforms for Medicaid and CHIP

Key Messages

- Major healthcare reforms in the next couple of years—we need to be on *top*
 - Federal and state levels
- Contact states for grants from State Health Insurance Programs (SHIPs)
- Practice Management Software (PMS)
- General Accounting Office audits on PI—an action plan to address any deficiencies
- Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) Provisions—Expansion of Elg