

**Open Information Teleconference for Applicants of the
Consumer Operated and Oriented Plans (CO-OP) Program
Funding Opportunity Announcement**

CFDA#: 93.545

November 8th, 2012 at 3:00PM Eastern Time

Please join U.S. Department of Health and Human Services officials, Richard Popper and Barbara Smith, for an open information teleconference to discuss questions related to the Consumer Operated and Oriented Plans (CO-OPs) Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA).

To date, CMS has received five rounds of CO-OP applications on October 17, 2011, January 3, 2012, April 2, 2012, July 2, 2012, and October 1, 2012. Applications are still under review and awards are being announced on a rolling basis. Applications will be accepted up to and including December 31, 2012.

Thus far, 23 organizations have been awarded CO-OP loans to offer coverage in 23 states. For details, please see our online factsheet at <http://www.healthcare.gov/news/factsheets/2012/02/coops02212012a.html>

This open information teleconference is a time for applicants to discuss any general questions they have related to the CO-OP program, FOA, or the preparation of applications for Start-up and Solvency Loans. It is not required but highly recommended that participants send their questions in advance of the call to CO-OPProgram@cms.hhs.gov. Please send questions in Word format.

The funding opportunity announcement can be viewed by clicking [here](#) or by searching for CFDA #: 93.545 at www.grants.gov.

The Final Rule can be found here: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-12-13/pdf/2011-31864.pdf>.

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- Richard Popper, Director of the Insurance Programs Group, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, CMS
- Barbara Smith, Director of the CO-OP Program Division, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, CMS

WHEN:

Thursday, November 8th, 2012 from 3:00pm-4:30pm ET

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