

Maternal and Infant Health Initiative Grant Award Announcement

September 10, 2015

Background: In July 2014, the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) launched a Maternal and Infant Health Initiative (MIHI) in collaboration with states to: 1) increase the rate and content of postpartum visits; and 2) increase the use of effective methods of contraception among all women in Medicaid and CHIP. This initiative builds on the work of an Expert Panel that identified strategies CMS and states could undertake to improve maternal and infant outcomes in Medicaid and CHIP. Additional information on the initiative can be found at <http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Quality-of-Care/Maternal-and-Infant-Health-Care-Quality.html>

Grant opportunity: This opportunity is designed to support state efforts to collect and report data to CMCS on a new developmental quality measure to assess progress on the second MIHI goal. The developmental measure, *Use of Contraceptive Methods by Women*, is helpful in efforts to improve pregnancy planning and birth spacing. Additional details on the measure can be found at the link above.

Number of awards: This funding opportunity is a four year grant to support 13 states and one US Territory in collecting and reporting data for the developmental contraceptive utilization measure.

Funding: Each of the 14 recipients were eligible to receive up to \$400,000 total for the four years, assuming satisfactory performance, defined as submission of annual measure data. Funding for these grants comes from the Affordable Care Act.

State Program	State	Year 1 Award	Total 4-year Award
Alabama Medicaid Agency	Alabama	\$100,000	\$400,000
California Department of Health Care Services	California	100,000	400,000
Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing	Colorado	100,000	392,898
Delaware Health and Social Services	Delaware	100,000	400,000
Iowa Department of Human Services	Iowa	97,500	394,840
Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services	Kentucky	100,000	400,000
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	Massachusetts	97,026	398,580

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services	Michigan	100,000	333,619
Office of the Governor, Division of Medicaid	Mississippi	50,000	200,000
MO Department of Social Services, MO HealthNet Division	Missouri	100,000	400,000
New York State Department of Health	New York	100,000	400,000
Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation	Northern Mariana Islands	100,000	400,000
State of Oregon	Oregon	100,000	400,000
Washington State Health Care Authority	Washington	99,211	396,111
Total		\$1,343,737	\$5,316,048

Participation: The receipt of all monies available under the award is contingent on:

- A state submitting baseline information using Calendar Year 2014 data for the measure by the required due dates;
- A state submitting re-measurement information annually using CY 2015-2017 data on the measure by the required due dates.

Use of Funds: As part of this grant opportunity, states are encouraged to work with partners, including managed care organizations, providers, Departments of Public Health, and other stakeholders to obtain data to report and use the measure. States may use funds to:

- Improve data validation methods/initiatives, evaluate data sources and measures, and train and educate providers in collecting and reporting the measure;
- Train staff in the use of tools for collecting and analysis of data from claims, surveys, medical records, or encounter records;
- Develop a plan to sustain collection beyond the grant period.

Key Dates:

- Notice of Award: September 10, 2015
- Period of Performance: September 16, 2015 – September 15, 2019