

HHS Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs News Bulletin: Friday, May 17th, 2013

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Secretary's Corner

- **May 15, 2013**
Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced a nearly \$1 billion initiative that will fund awards and evaluation to build on the Obama administration's work to transform the health care system by delivering better care and lowering costs. This second round of Health Care Innovation Awards will fund applicants that have a high likelihood of driving health care system transformation and delivering better outcomes. View the full statement [here](#) and fact sheet [here](#).
- **May 14, 2013**
Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Attorney General Eric Holder announced that a nationwide takedown by Medicare Fraud Strike Force operations in eight cities has resulted in charges against 89 individuals, including doctors, nurses and other licensed medical professionals, for their alleged participation in Medicare fraud schemes involving approximately \$223 million in false billings. View the full release [here](#).

Affordable Care Act News

- **May 17, 2013**
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) sent a letter to State Health Officials and State Medicaid Directors which offers optional strategies that can help make significant progress toward reducing the number of uninsured individuals and optional tools to help states manage the transition to their new eligibility and enrollment systems and coverage of new Medicaid enrollees. View the letter [here](#).
- **May 15, 2013**
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) posted online Marketplace Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). View the FAQs [here](#).
- **May 13, 2013**
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule with request for comment to implement the provision of the Affordable Care Act that reduces Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) allotments. Once finalized, this rule will go into effect starting October 1, 2013 unless Congress enacts the President's Budget proposal to begin the Medicaid DSH allotment reductions in FY 2015 instead of FY 2014, while retaining the same total amount of reductions through 2020. CMS is seeking comment on provisions of this proposed rule until July 12, 2013. View the fact sheet [here](#).

White House Health Care Blog Posts

- **May 16, 2013**
David Simas sent a message to the White House email list, asking people to speak out in favor of the health care law. If you didn't get the email, be sure to sign up [here](#). View the full post [here](#).
- **May 10, 2013**

President Obama spoke to a group of women – including many moms – about the ways the Affordable Care Act is already helping millions of Americans like them. "Women in particular now have more control over their own care than ever before," the President said. "And I'm pleased to be joined today by many women who wrote in to tell us what the Affordable Care Act means to them." View the full post [here](#).

Brochures & Educational Materials

Below you'll find brochures and materials related to the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. For other brochures and resources visit: <http://www.healthcare.gov/news/brochures/index.html>.

- [ACA Educational PowerPoints](#)

The Top Five Things You Need to Know

- Families with Children (PDF – [English 7.27 MB](#), [Spanish 1.23 MB](#))
- Health Care Providers (PDF – [English 2.71 MB](#), [Spanish 517 KB](#))
- People with Disabilities (PDF – [English 2.56 MB](#), [Spanish 930 KB](#))
- Seniors (PDF – [English 11.3 MB](#), [Spanish 1.54 MB](#))
- Small Business Owners (PDF – [English 4.22 MB](#), [Spanish 646 KB](#))
- Young Adults (PDF – [English 6.56 MB](#), [Spanish 919 KB](#))

Information for Consumers and Small Businesses

- [The Health Care Law & You](#) (PDF – 8.99 MB)
- [Information for Small Businesses](#) (PDF – 763 KB)

MyCare: Videos and Stories

Find videos and stories related to how the Affordable Care Act has helped individuals across the country. <http://www.healthcare.gov/mycare/stories.html>

State by State Fact Sheets

Choose your state to learn more about the immediate benefits of the Affordable Care Act.

- [State By State Fact Sheets](#)
- [Learn the facts and statistics about how the Affordable Care Act will benefit each state.](#)

Regulations and Guidance

Regulations and guidance are used to implement many of the Affordable Care Act provisions that address both private and public health insurance.

- [Standards Related to Reinsurance, Risk Corridors and Risk Adjustment](#)
- [Eligibility Changes under Affordable Care Act](#)
- [Certain Preventive Services under Affordable Care Act](#)
- [Student Health Insurance Coverage](#)

Grants

The Affordable Care Act creates a number of new grant opportunities. Below, you will find links to the grant centers for the agencies administering these grants. There, and at [Grants.gov](#), you can search for relevant grant opportunities.

- [CDC National Public Health Improvement Initiative \(NPHII\) Grants](#)
- [Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight Grants](#)
- [Administration for Children and Families Grants](#)
- [Administration on Aging Grants](#)
- [Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality](#)
- [Health Resources and Services Administration Grants](#)
- [Indian Health Service Grants](#)
- [National Institutes of Health Grants](#)
- [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Grants](#)

Special Programs

Several new programs across the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services support the work of the Affordable Care Act. You will find information about these programs on this page.

- [Partnership for Patients: Better Care, Lower Costs](#)

Councils & Groups

The Affordable Care Act establishes a number of councils and groups to carry out provisions in the law. To learn more about the organizations, click on a link below:

- [Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight \(CCIIO\)](#)
- [Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation](#)
- [Interagency Working Group on Health Care Quality](#)

➤ [National Prevention, Health Promotion and Public Health Council](#)