



AFFORDABLE CARE ACT MASSACHUSETTS IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE AND MEETING REMINDER

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These Updates, published by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) in consultation with the other state agencies involved in ACA implementation, will bring you news related to the implementation of provisions of the ACA here in Massachusetts.

Grants and Demonstrations

The ACA provides funding opportunities to transform how health care is delivered, expand access to care and support healthcare workforce training.

Grant Announcements

Preventive Medicine and Public Health Training Grant Program, \$10501. Announced September 13, 2012. Funding is available to provide training to graduate medical residents in preventive medicine specialties. Eligible applicants are accredited schools of public health or medicine; accredited nonprofit hospitals; state, local or tribal health departments; or a consortium of two or more eligible entities. The goal of the Preventive Medicine and Public Health Training Grant Program is to increase the number of physicians in preventive health in order to promote greater access to population-based health care. Funding will be used for trainee costs such as tuition for master's degrees in fields related to preventive medicine, fees, travel and stipends for reasonable living expenses. Funding may also be used for faculty development. New residency programs without accreditation can request up to \$150,000 for development during the first year of the project period. \$3.8M in 9 awards over a 5-year project period is available.

Applications are due November 19, 2012.

The announcement can be viewed at: [HRSA](#)

News

9/17/12 The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, known as PCORI, announced that with the launch of its second funding cycle, up to \$96 million in funding will be available for comparative clinical effectiveness research projects that provide patients with the ability to make better-informed health care decisions. Created under §6301 of the ACA, PCORI is an independent nonprofit, expected to provide billions in federal funds for studies, and tasked with conducting patient-centered outcomes research.

Similar to PCORI's first primary research funding announcement in May 2012, this opportunity makes grants available in four research topic areas that would: assess prevention, diagnosis and treatment options; improve health care systems; address communication among patients, caregivers and clinicians; and eliminate health care disparities.

PCORI expects to issue another funding opportunity in the fall in their fifth priority area, accelerating patient-centered and methodological research. PCORI Funding Announcements are issued to support comparative clinical effectiveness research and are based on PCORI's [National Priorities for Research and Research Agenda](#) which was approved by PCORI's Board of Governors in May 2012 and updated in part, based on public feedback from individuals and organizations.

For more on funding announcements, visit:

<http://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/funding-announcements/>

Learn more about PCORI at: <http://www.pcori.org/about/>

Upcoming Events

Quarterly Affordable Care Act Implementation Stakeholder Meeting

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

1:00 PM- 2:00 PM

1 Ashburton Place, 21st Floor

Boston, MA

*The topic of the meeting will be Essential Health Benefits.

Integrating Medicare and Medicaid for Dual Eligible Individuals Open Meeting

Friday, September 21, 2012

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

State Transportation Building, Conference Rooms 1, 2 & 3

10 Park Plaza

Boston, MA

Please note - this is a change in location from that announced at the August 31 Open Meeting.

The purpose of this meeting is to have an open conversation about two key implementation topics for the Duals Demonstration: the advisory committee, and the ombudsperson role. MassHealth will use this meeting as an opportunity to hear stakeholders' ideas on these topics.

Please note that the process for selecting ICOs is still ongoing, and information on which ICOs will be selected for participation will not be provided at this meeting.

We welcome attendance from all stakeholders and members of the public with interest in the Demonstration. Reasonable accommodations will be made for participants who need assistance. Please send your request for accommodations to Donna Kymalainen at Donna.Kymalainen@state.ma.us.

Bookmark the **Massachusetts National Health Care Reform website** at: [http://mass.gov/national health reform](http://mass.gov/national_health_reform) to read updates on ACA implementation in Massachusetts.

Remember to check <http://mass.gov/masshealth/duals> for information on the "**Integrating Medicare and Medicaid for Dual Eligible Individuals**" initiative.