



AFFORDABLE CARE ACT MASSACHUSETTS IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

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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 Activity

For information about ACA grants awarded to and grant proposals submitted by the Commonwealth, visit the Grants page of the **Massachusetts National Health Care Reform website** at: www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/commissions-and-initiatives/healthcare-reform/national-health-care-reform-plan/grants-and-demonstrations.html

Guidance

Prior guidance can be found at: www.hhs.gov/healthcare/index.html

News

On December 16, 2014 HHS awarded more than \$665 million in ACA funding through §3021 to design and test state-led efforts that aim to improve health care quality, accessibility and affordability.

Twenty-eight states and three territories will receive funding under the State Innovation Models Initiative, a program that supports states in planning or implementing a customized, fully developed proposal capable of creating statewide health transformation to improve health care. Together with awards released in 2013, over half of the states are participating in efforts to support comprehensive state-based innovation in health system transformation aimed at finding new and innovative ways to improve quality and lower costs.

In 2013, Massachusetts received \$44,011,924 under the State Innovation Models Initiative, a multi-payer model that is transforming the delivery system by moving the market away from fee-for-service payments and towards a system capable of delivering on the triple aim: better care, better health, and lower costs.

To learn more about this announcement, visit: HHS.GOV

Upcoming Events

Integrating Medicare and Medicaid for Dual Eligible Individuals (also known as One Care) Implementation Council Meeting

Friday, January 9, 2015

1:00 p.m. -3:00 p.m.

Transportation Building – Conference Rooms 2-3

10 Park Plaza

Boston, MA

A meeting agenda and any meeting material will be distributed prior to the meetings.

Meetings of the Implementation Council are open to stakeholders and members of the public with an interest in One Care. Reasonable accommodations are available upon request. Please contact Donna Kymalainen at Donna.Kymalainen@umassmed.edu to request accommodations.

Bookmark the **Massachusetts National Health Care Reform website** at: National Health Care Reform to read updates on ACA implementation in Massachusetts.

Remember to check the Mass.Gov website at: Dual Eligibles for information on the **"Integrating Medicare and Medicaid for Dual Eligible Individuals"** initiative.



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