



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: <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/commissions-and-initiatives/healthcare-reform/national-health-care-reform-plan/grants-and-demonstrations.html>

Guidance

8/11/16 HHS/HRSA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking called "340B Drug Pricing Program; Administrative Dispute Resolution." The proposed rule sets forth the requirements and procedures for the 340B Drug Pricing Program's administrative dispute resolution process. The proposed rule will apply to all drug manufacturers and covered entities that participate in the 340B Drug Pricing Program.

ACA §7102 requires the HHS Secretary to promulgate a regulation establishing and implementing a binding administrative dispute resolution (ADR) process for certain disputes arising under the 340B Program.

HRSA administers section 340B of the Public Health Service Act, which is referred to as the "340B Drug Pricing Program." The proposed rule will apply to all drug manufacturers that are required to make their drugs available to covered entities under the 340B Program. The proposed rule sets forth the calculation of the ceiling price and application of civil monetary penalties.

The 340B Drug Pricing Program requires drug manufacturers to provide outpatient drugs to eligible health care organizations and covered entities at significantly reduced prices. The 340B drug discount program allows certain hospitals, and federally qualified health centers and other specified federal grantee clinics to purchase covered outpatient drugs at discounts.

Comments are due October 11, 2016.

More information on the 340B Drug Pricing Program is available at: www.hrsa.gov/opa/

Read the proposed rule at: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-08-12/pdf/2016-18969.pdf>

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

Bookmark the **Massachusetts National Health Care Reform website** at: [National Health Care Reform](http://NationalHealthCareReform.com) to read updates on ACA implementation in Massachusetts.

Remember to check the Mass.Gov website at: [Dual Eligibles](http://DualEligibles.com) for information on the "**Integrating Medicare and Medicaid for Dual Eligible Individuals**" initiative.



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