



CMS Agency Report to PharmPAC

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States Can Apply for Nearly \$200 Million to Help Fight Health Premium Increases:

Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced that nearly \$200 million in new grant funds are now available to help States develop programs that will make health insurance premiums more transparent. The new funds would also give States the power to stop unreasonable premium increases from taking effect.

This funding opportunity builds on the \$46 million awarded in August of 2010 to help 45 States and the District of Columbia crack down on unreasonable premium hikes. It also complements new rules proposed in December of 2010 to require insurance companies to publicly justify unreasonable premium rate increases.

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2011pres/02/20110224a.html>

State Medicaid RACs At-A-Glance:

Section 6411 of the Affordable Care Act of 2010 required States and territories to establish Medicaid Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) programs. Medicaid RACs are tasked with identifying and recovering Medicaid overpayments and identifying underpayments. As an initial step for establishing their RAC programs, jurisdictions are expected to submit a Medicaid State Plan amendment (SPA) that addresses some of the essential elements of their RAC program.

The map below summarizes the status of each jurisdiction's RAC program, based on the information submitted in its SPA. During the implementation phase of these RAC programs, this website will be updated on an ongoing basis.

<http://www.cms.gov/medicaidracs/home.aspx>

