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September 30th Level One Application Summaries

Alabama

Administrator: Alabama Department of Insurance

Award Amount: \$8,592,139

Level of Funding: Level One

Summary: The Alabama Department of Insurance will use funding to support core staff, contracts, and activities around early implementation of the Alabama Health Insurance Exchange. Key activities of this cooperative agreement will include: coordination with the Alabama Health Insurance Exchange Study Commission to develop and implement an Exchange governance model; engaging stakeholders through the creation of a stakeholder group; early implementation of Exchange structures and functions, including financing, consumer functions like the website and call center, day-to-day Exchange operation, and integration with public health insurance programs. The Department of Insurance plans to work closely on this effort with the Governor's Office of the Health Insurance Exchange, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program, Mental Health, and the Department of Finance's Information Services.

Arizona

Administrator: Governor's Office of Economic Recovery

Award Amount: \$29,877,427

Level of Funding: Level One

Summary: Arizona is focused on meeting the requirements for Exchange certification in 2013 and ensuring the Arizona Health Insurance Exchange is operational by January 1, 2014. With its Exchange Planning grant, Arizona has made progress in its Exchange planning with particular focus on background research, IT infrastructure and the certification of qualified health plans. Arizona will use Level One Establishment grant funding to secure the IT infrastructure necessary for a user-friendly website that is fully integrated with Arizona's existing Medicaid web-based eligibility and enrollment system. Arizona will also finalize the plan management functions (including certification, recertification and decertification of health plans) to ensure that there are qualified plans available for individuals and small employers to select. Additionally, the Level One Establishment grant will enable Arizona to develop and implement plans for public education and outreach and determine how best to incorporate a Navigator program.

Delaware

Administrator: Delaware Department of Health and Social Services

Award Amount: \$3,400,096

Level of Funding: Level One

Summary: The Delaware Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) will use Level One funding for the following key activities: developing a rules-based eligibility engine that will serve as the single, streamlined eligibility process for all medical assistance programs, including Medicaid, Delaware Healthy Children (the State's Children Health Insurance Program) and the Exchange; preparing business and IT systems requirements for non-eligibility-related functions of the Exchange, and developing an operational plan; creating a financial management and sustainability model; enhancing Delaware's consumer health assistance; engaging stakeholders; preparing statutory and regulatory changes for commercial health insurance, as required by the Affordable Care Act; assessing the impact to the commercial health insurance market from regulatory changes, the essential health benefits package, and the introduction of an Exchange as a purchasing platform in the individual and small group markets; and, reviewing existing programs to identify opportunities to leverage

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services, functions and resources that may be applicable to the Exchange, as well as opportunities to modify existing programs in light of the coverage expansions that will take effect in 2014.

With approximately 100,000 Delawareans currently uninsured– the expansion of Medicaid and the availability of subsidized commercial health insurance through the Exchange should provide many of those who are currently uninsured with access to affordable health coverage.

Hawaii

Administrator: Department of Insurance, Office of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

Award Amount: \$14,440,144

Level of Funding: Level One

Summary: The Hawaii Department of Insurance will use Level One funding to establish the Hawaii Health Connector (“Connector”). The Connector is the Affordable Insurance Exchange for Hawaii enabled by Act 205 (SLH 2011). The Connector will serve individuals and small businesses throughout the State of Hawaii. The Connector will create a web portal that will make federally qualified health plans available to the public and reduce the number of uninsured in Hawaii.

Idaho

Administrator: Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

Award Amount: \$20,376,556

Level of Funding: Level One

Summary: Idaho will use Level One funds to complete necessary planning, research, design, development and implementation of its Exchange. The funding will assist the State in developing policy goals for the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange consistent with State and Federal law; securing staff, consultants and expert resources; actively engaging stakeholders to inform and support Exchange planning; and engage in related activities around Exchange design, development and implementation.

Iowa

Administrator: Department of Public Health

Award Amount: \$7,753,662

Level of Funding: Level One

Summary: The Iowa Department of Public Health will use Level One funding to conduct insurance market research and analysis to inform policy decisions on the design of its Affordable Insurance Exchange. The Department will conduct a financial assessment and budget analysis to determine the financial resources required to provide assistance to individuals and small businesses, coverage appeals, and complaints. The State will also develop a detailed Exchange business process, and associated business requirements for the Affordable Insurance Exchange IT system. Additionally, they will conduct focus groups and stakeholder outreach regarding user interface design and program development. Iowa intends to continue to plan and develop an integrated, automated eligibility system that meets the requirements of all programs, and plan for workforce training to reflect operations upon Exchange implementation.

Maine

Administrator: State of Maine Dirigo Health Agency

Award Amount: \$5,877,676

Level of Funding: Level One

Summary: Maine will use the Level One funding to: identify opportunities to leverage existing services, functions, and resources; continue stakeholder consultation; design and begin to build the business operations and systems for the Exchange, including the integration of existing Medicaid eligibility systems with new Exchange eligibility systems; develop consumer assistance capabilities; examine opportunities to modify

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existing programs in light of the coverage consolidations available to the state; secure expert resources to support the State's Exchange planning and implementation process; and, engage in all other activities required to develop an Exchange that meets minimum federal requirements. Maine anticipates that the Level One funding will provide support to the State to collect and analyze data, consider options, and establish the framework for a potential submission of a Level Two Exchange grant in 2012.

Michigan

Administrator: State of Michigan, Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs

Award Amount: \$9,849,305

Level of Funding: Level One

Summary: The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) will use Level One funding to: conduct additional analysis on the impacts of the Exchange and the Affordable Care Act in Michigan, including additional insurance market analysis; acquire contractual services to assist the State and the Exchange with legal matters, technology planning, education and outreach, financing and policy issues; and, support the State of Michigan as it works toward establishment of this new entity.

Nebraska

Administrator: Nebraska Department of Insurance

Award Amount: \$5,481,838

Level of Funding: Level One

Summary: The Nebraska Department of Insurance will use Level One funding to further its planning, research and design of an Exchange for the state. With its Exchange Planning grant, Nebraska has conducted a detailed market impact assessment, developed several financial and economic models studying Exchange sustainability, and has performed an IT system interface gap analysis between Medicaid and the Exchange. Using Level One funds, Nebraska will focus on several additional identified issues, including: further analysis of the effect of an Exchange on Nebraska's insurance markets; creating a risk adjustment/reinsurance plan; performing additional studies on program integration and integrity; designing a comprehensive outreach and education plan; producing a thorough plan regarding Exchange design and financial management; further research regarding a SHOP exchange; and, writing an RFP for a comprehensive IT development plan.

New Mexico

Administrator: New Mexico Human Services Department

Award Amount: \$34,279,483

Level of Funding: Level One

Summary: New Mexico will use Level One funding to develop and establish the New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange over the next 12 months and to meet the timelines for certification and operation by 2014. The objectives for Level One funding are to: refine the Exchange vision and objectives to comply with laws and regulations; amend state law as necessary to comply with federal law; secure staff and consultant resources for Exchange planning, development, implementation, operations, and stakeholder engagement; develop and implement a multi-year Exchange business and operational plan, including the activities, timelines, and benchmarks and the IT infrastructure and functionality necessary to fully operate in 2014; develop systems and program capacity in each core area to achieve Exchange certification by January 2013; submit a Level Two Establishment grant application in March 2012; begin Exchange operations in 2014; and, determine funding mechanisms to be self-sustaining by 2015.

Tennessee

Administrator: Tennessee Bureau of TennCare

Award Amount: \$1,560,220

Level of Funding: Level One

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Summary: Tennessee will use Level One funding to continue planning and researching the core Exchange planning areas identified by HHS. This funding will primarily be used to procure technical expertise from consulting and information technology firms to develop business requirements for Exchange business architecture areas. The funding will also provide continued support for 2.5 full-time equivalent staff. Tennessee continues to work with State officials and stakeholders to determine and implement the best policy choices for Tennesseans. This application is the first of two potential applications for Level One funding – the second application is expected to be filed in December 2011.

Vermont

Administrator: Vermont Agency of Human Services

Award Amount: \$18,090,369

Level of Funding: Level One

Summary: Vermont will use Level One funding to further its planning, development, and design of the Vermont Health Benefits Exchange (Exchange). Funding will support further development or continuance of a number of activities that Vermont initiated during its Planning Grant phase, including stakeholder engagement, program integration, financial management, health insurance market reforms, business operations, and the development of an information technology platform that collects and manages information in a streamlined process across various state and federal agencies. Vermont will also use funds to support a number of staff positions for the Exchange and its sister agencies to ensure that Exchange implementation activities and coordination work move forward as planned. Funding for implementing Vermont's health insurance exchange platform is also included. Vermont intends to continue moving forward in the design of an Exchange that will provide interoperability with other government health care programs in the State, and a platform for the evolution of the single-payer health care system envisioned in Vermont statute.

September 30th Level Two Application Summary

Rhode Island

Administrator: Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation

Award Amount: \$58,515,871

Level of Funding: Level Two

Summary: Rhode Island will use Level Two funding to continue work already underway through its Level One grant, which includes: operations, IT infrastructure design and development; establishment of an integrated consumer support structure; reporting and evaluation; establishment of governance structures and staffing. Under the Level Two grant, Rhode Island will begin building its capacity in the following critical areas: health plan certification and qualification; financial sustainability; and oversight and financial integrity.

The State plans to implement these project areas as a single, integrated initiative, led jointly by Medicaid and Exchange leadership. The state will continue to work closely with the New England States Collaborative Insurance Exchange Systems collaborative and leverage IT systems knowledge and design where appropriate and feasible. Its total federal request is intended to fund the seven major projects listed above, plus implementation of technology components, which will be reviewed and refined through IT reviews conducted by CCIIO. Funding will be provided through December 31, 2014.