



# Technical Assistance Resources for State Agencies

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# Background / Purpose

- Medicaid Incentives – Section 4201 Medicaid Provider HIT Adoption and Operation Payments; Implementation Funding
- Provide assistance to States in their planning and implementation activities to enable State Medicaid Agencies to make incentive payments to eligible providers and eligible hospitals

# Highlights of Section 4201

- Incentive Payments to Eligible Providers and Eligible Hospitals
- Administrative Payments to States
- Report to Congress

# Guidance to States

- Released State Medicaid Directors (SMD) Letter on Sept. 1, 2009
  - Provides initial guidance on State expenses related to activities in support of the administration of incentive payments
  - States can request 90% FFP match for administrative planning activities
  - CMS Approval of HIT Planning Advance Planning Document (P-APD)

# SMD Letter

- Purpose of the Recovery Act HIT Incentives
- Incentive Payments Implementation Timeline
- Criteria to receive 90% FFP Match for Initial Planning Activities
- CMS Oversight and Funding for Initial Planning Activities
- 2<sup>nd</sup> SMD Letter – Implementation Guidance

# State Medicaid Health Information Technology Plan (SMHP)

- Current HIT Landscape Assessment – “As-Is” Environment
- Vision of the HIT Future – “To-Be” Environment
- State Actions to Implement the EHR Incentive Program
- HIT Road Map

# Technical Assistance to States

## ➤ Conferences

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Multi-State Health IT Collaborative for E-Health – Feb 2010
- Medicaid Management Information Systems (MMIS) – Aug 2010

## ➤ All State Calls

- Bi-weekly Calls on Technical Issues
- State Medicaid Directors Letter
- Notice of Proposed Rule Making/Final Rule

## ➤ Webinars

# Technical Assistance to States – Task Order

- Training/Workshop Materials
  - Planning and implementation activities
  - Webinars and teleconferences
  
- Analysis of SMHP
  - National view of HIT plans
  
- Checklist
  - Standardized requirements
  
- Toolkits
  - Best Practices and Consultation

# Technical Assistance to States – Task Order (cont'd)

- Dashboard
  - Comparative Analysis
  
- Outreach to States
  - Webinars, Conference Calls, Conferences
  
- Guidance Documents
  - White Papers, Brochures, Fact Sheets
  
- Repository
  - State Data
  - Lessons Learned

# ARRA/HIT Websites

- ▶ CMS Information Related to the Economic Recovery Act of 2009  
Web Site: [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/recovery/11\\_healthit.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/recovery/11_healthit.asp)
- ▶ HHS Recovery Act Web Site: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/>
- ▶ CMS Medicare & Medicaid Programs; EHR Incentive Program;  
Proposed Rule – 1/13/10  
<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/E9-31217.pdf>
- ▶ CMS State Medicaid Directors Letter – 9/1/09:  
[http://www.cms.gov/Recovery/Downloads/SMD090109\\_with\\_6attachments.pdf](http://www.cms.gov/Recovery/Downloads/SMD090109_with_6attachments.pdf)
- ▶ CMS 2<sup>nd</sup> Multi-State Health IT Collaborative for E-Health  
Conference Web Site:  
<http://www.blsm meetings.net/CMSHealthIT2010/index.cfm>

# Thank You

# Questions?

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