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## **Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services**

## CMCS Informational Bulletin

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**SUBJECT:** Adult Quality Grants: Measuring and Improving the Quality of Care in

Medicaid

On July 13, 2012 the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a two-year funding opportunity announcement open to all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and territorial Medicaid agencies. This grant opportunity, funded by the Affordable Care Act, is designed to support State Medicaid agencies in building capacity to collect, report, and analyze data on the Initial Core of Set of Health Care Quality Measures for adults enrolled in Medicaid. A total of 56 grant awards are available in the amount of up to \$1 million for each 12-month budget period over the two-year project period (an estimated total of up to \$2 million per Grantee).

This is a competitive, performance-based grant opportunity where grants will be awarded with consideration to: (1) available funding; and (2) the quality of each application and the applicants' demonstrated ability to meet the goals of the project. Programmatic questions about the Adult Medicaid Quality Grants should be directed to: MedicaidAdultMeasures@cms.hhs.gov.

The electronic application for this project can be found at <a href="http://www.grants.gov">http://www.grants.gov</a> by searching the downloadable application page by the CFDA number 93.609. CMS will host a teleconference for potential applicants on **July 30<sup>th</sup> from 3-4 pm EST**. Information regarding the teleconference will available on the CMS website at <a href="http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Quality-of-Care/Quality-of-Care-%E2%80%93-Performance-Measurement.html">http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Quality-of-Care/Quality-of-Care-%E2%80%93-Performance-Measurement.html</a>.

The application due date for this funding opportunity is **August 31, 2012.** We hope you will find this information helpful.