



Center for Medicaid, CHIP, and Survey & Certification

CMCS Informational Bulletin

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SUBJECT: Notification of National Criminal Background Check Federal Matching Grants Solicitation under Section 6201 of the Affordable Care Act and Initial Conference Call June 17th, 2010 (2:00-4:00 PM EST)

The new national background check program is part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148, enacted on March 23, 2010) and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-152, enacted on March 30, 2010) together called the Affordable Care Act.

In a previous bulletin, CMS on behalf of HHS announced the availability of \$160 million in Affordable Care Act Grants to support all States and the U.S. Territories for a multi-year *Nationwide Program for National and State Background Checks on direct patient access employees of long term care facilities and providers*. As specified in the law, these facilities and providers include skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, home health agencies, hospice care providers, long-term care hospitals, personal care service providers, adult day care providers, residential care providers, assisted living facilities, intermediate facilities for the mentally retarded (ICFs/MR) and other entities that provide long-term care services, as specified by each participating State through a variety of authorities including Medicaid State Plan services and Medicaid waiver authorities such as 1915(c) home and community-based services.

The purpose of this bulletin is to announce the initial conference call for States considering participating in the nationwide background check program. The initial conference call will be held on Thursday June 17, 2010 at 2:00 PM. The call duration is scheduled to last two hours. The toll free number and participant ID number are provided below.

Initial National Conference Call for States

Date: June 17th, 2010

Time: 2:00 PM (EST)

Duration: 2 Hours

Conference Toll Free Dial In Number: (877) 251 – 0301

Participants Conference ID # 78454433

Note: In order to participate in the conference you will be required to enter the conference ID# listed above.

STATUTE/ REGULATION: The statute is available at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/search/pagedetails.action?granuleId=&packageId=BILLS-111hr3590ENR>. The full solicitation packet and section 6201 of the Affordable Care Act is available at: http://www.cms.gov/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/04_BackgroundCheck.asp#TopOfPage

CMCS CONTACT: please direct your questions about this upcoming opportunity to the Background Check program mailbox at background_checks@cms.hhs.gov (background underscore checks @cms.hhs.gov).

We hope you will consider becoming a part of this important new Federal/State partnership opportunity to enhance safety and quality of care for our nation's long term care population.