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SUBJECT: FY 2010 CHIPRA Performance Bonuses

This Informational Bulletin is to announce the release of the FY 2010 Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) Performance Bonuses. We are pleased to be able to award over \$200 million in bonuses to 15 States this year. As you know, CHIPRA established Performance Bonuses to support State efforts to improve enrollment and retention of eligible children in Medicaid. The Performance Bonuses provide additional federal funding for qualifying States that have taken specific steps to simplify Medicaid and CHIP enrollment and renewal procedures and have also increased Medicaid enrollment of children above a baseline level. The amount of the award correlates with the percentage increase in enrollment above the baseline -- the more children States enroll, the higher the bonus. States that achieve more than a 10 percent increase in enrollment receive an even larger ("Tier 2") bonus.

The enrollment increases in the qualifying States ranged from 6% to 36%; and 10 of the 15 States had enrollment increases of more than 10%, qualifying them for a Tier 2 award. All States that received a Performance Bonus in 2009 qualified again for 2010; five of the States receiving bonuses this year are newly qualifying States.

(See http://www.insurekidsnow.gov/images/chipra_award_chart_pdf.pdf for a detailed listing of each State's bonus award criteria.) The simplification measures that help States qualify for the bonuses will have a long-term positive impact on access to coverage and continuity of care into the future and moves us further down the path to 2014.

The HHS Press Release announcing the bonuses is available at <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2010pres/12/20101227a.html> and the New York Times piece can be accessed at http://www.nytimes.com/2010/12/27/health/policy/27medicaid.html?_r=1&ref=politics

A list of the States receiving FY 2010 Performance Bonuses is below. A national summary Fact Sheet is available at http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2010pres/12/fy2010_chipra_factsheet.pdf and a State-by-State narrative can be accessed at http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2010pres/12/fy2010_chipra_stateprofiles.pdf

FY 2010 Performance Bonus Awards

Alabama	\$54,965,407
Alaska	\$ 4,408,789
Colorado	\$13,671,043
Illinois	\$14,962,171
Iowa	\$ 6,760,901
Kansas	\$ 2,578,099
Louisiana	\$ 3,555,853
Maryland	\$10,549,086
Michigan	\$ 9,268,552
New Jersey	\$ 8,788,959
New Mexico	\$ 8,553,431
Ohio	\$12,376,346
Oregon	\$15,055,255
Washington	\$17,607,725
Wisconsin	\$23,076,127
Total:	\$206,157,744

The success of these 15 States complements other national and State efforts to enroll all eligible uninsured children in Medicaid and CHIP. Under Secretary Sebelius' Connecting Kids to Coverage Challenge, States, federal partners, and diverse organizations from throughout the country are taking action to get kids enrolled. For more information on the Secretary's challenge visit www.insurekidsnow.gov.

I hope you will find this information helpful. Thank you for your continued commitment to the success of these critical health coverage programs and Happy New Year!