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SUBJECT: **Increased Federal Medical Assistance Percentage Final Rule with Request for Comments and Premium Assistance FAQs**

Today the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released information on two topics:

- Affordable Care Act Increased Federal Medical Assistance Percentages
- Premium Assistance Frequently Asked Questions

Increased Federal Medical Assistance Percentage Final Rule with Request for Comments

Today CMS put on display in the Federal Register a final rule with request for comments titled “Increased Federal Medical Assistance Percentage through the Affordable Care of 2010” (CMS-2327-FC.) This rule implements provisions of the Affordable Care Act on increased Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP), or matching, rates for certain Medicaid beneficiaries in states. The rule codifies the increased FMAP rates that will be applicable beginning January 1, 2014 and outlines a simplified methodology states will use to claim the appropriate matching rates. A CMS fact sheet describing the rule is available at http://www.cms.gov/apps/media/fact_sheets.asp.

We are issuing these rules as final and simultaneously seeking comment on selected provisions of this final rule through Monday, June 3, 2013.

The rule is available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection> and will be published in the Federal Register on April 2, 2013. As noted, public comments are due Monday, June 3, 2013. Please refer to the Federal Register for information about how to submit comments.

Premium Assistance Frequently Asked Questions

Today CMS also released new Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about states purchasing coverage through a Qualified Health Plan (QHP) on behalf of their Medicaid beneficiaries using premium assistance.

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The Questions and Answers may be accessed at: <http://medicaid.gov/State-Resource-Center/Frequently-Asked-Questions/CMCS-Ask-Questions.html>

As we continue to move forward with implementation of the Affordable Care Act, CMS has received questions from states and other stakeholders regarding the Affordable Care Act. CMS has continually updated our Frequently Asked Questions section of Medicaid.gov with questions and answers that address the questions we have received. We hope this information provided in today's Question and Answer document will be helpful. As always, CMCS staff are available to help states with any questions they might have on the information we are providing today, and we look forward to continuing to work closely with our state partners as we prepare for the important changes to come.

If you have additional questions, please send them to CMCSPPACAQuestions@cms.hhs.gov