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**SUBJECT: Announcing Medicaid.gov**

The Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) is pleased to announce the initial launch of <http://medicaid.gov/>, the first Federal government website devoted to the policies -- and the people -- of Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). This website is the culmination of efforts at the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services to revitalize and reorient the information the Federal government makes available about these programs. As part of our commitment to transparency and information sharing, *Medicaid.gov* brings to the forefront the items that States, the health policy community and other stakeholders have said they care about most, including: our Federal policy guidance; lists of pending and approved waivers; highlights of our Affordable Care Act implementation efforts; State-specific program information and data; and improved search capabilities.

The new site design provides information about the Medicaid and CHIP programs that is organized and updated to reflect today's policy issues and priorities. We also tried to provide easy access to answers to the most commonly asked questions and requests for information. Finally, *Medicaid.gov* includes a section for consumers to help them get information about the Medicaid or CHIP program in their State and links to <http://www.healthcare.gov/> and [www.insurekidsnow.gov](http://www.insurekidsnow.gov) where broader information about health coverage options is now available.

Of course, this site is a work in progress. We wanted to make key elements available as quickly as possible while we work on ongoing improvements in functionality, opportunities for collaboration and interaction, and to augment the availability of data in the coming months and years. We want *Medicaid.gov* to become a key resource for States and for all of our partners.

We hope that you will let us know what you think of the new site and what you would like us to prioritize as we continue to build our capacity. After browsing the site, feel free to send your feedback through the CMS Idea Factory (<http://cmsideas.uservoice.com/forums/141980-medicaid-gov>).

Thank you for your commitment to these critical health coverage programs and the nearly 60 million Americans they serve.