

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN
SERVICES Health Care Financing Administration

Center for Medicaid and State Operations 7500 Security Boulevard Baltimore, MD 21244-1850

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Dear State Medicaid Director:

The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) in association with the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation has successfully provided Nursing Home Transition (NHT) grant funding to eight States over the past two years. HCFA has been authorized to make available an additional \$2 million in grant funds to States interested in developing programs to enhance choice available to Medicaid beneficiaries by providing alternatives to nursing home care and to transition them into the community if that is their choice. Again the focus will be on deinstitutionalization and the incorporation of community-based services which help to ensure maximum control by the beneficiary to select and manage their care, such as self-directed attendant care.

This letter is to alert you that under this new grant initiative entitled NHT 2000, HCFA will be mailing the grant solicitation at the end of May 2000. Shortly after that date, the solicitation document will also be available for viewing on the HCFA website at . The grant solicitation will provide information regarding general policy considerations, special areas of interest, application procedures, eligibility requirements, and review criteria. We recommend that this announcement be forwarded to the Department within your State which would most likely be interested or assigned the task of preparing a proposal. As identified in the announcement, the deadline for submitting an application will be July 19, 2000. Proposals must be received in the HCFA grants office postmarked on or before this date.

If you have any questions regarding this grant alert, please call Mary Jean Duckett, Director, Division of Benefits, Coverage, and Payment; Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group at (410) 786-3294.

Sincerely,

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