

**U.S. House and Senate Notification**  
**Friday, December 18, 2009**

**To: Congressional Health Staff**

**From: Amy Hall**  
**Director, Office of Legislation**  
**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

**Re: CMS Proposes Model Interstate Coordination Enrollment and Coverage**  
**Process for Low-Income-Children**

Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published a Federal Register Notice to solicit comment for developing a model process for the coordination of enrollment, retention, and coverage for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) eligible children who are temporarily displaced outside the State of their residence or must frequently change their State of residence. Section 213 of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA, P.L. 111-3) of 2009 requires the model process to be developed by August 4, 2010 and for the Secretary of Health and Human Services to submit a Report to Congress describing additional steps or authority needed to make further improvements in coordinating such services between States. Comments on the proposed model are due no later than 5 p.m., January 19, 2010.

The Federal Register Notice, CMS-2311-NC, is available at:  
<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-29724.pdf>.

If you have questions, please contact the CMS Office of Legislation. Thank you.