

**FACT SHEET: The State Flexibility to Stabilize the Market Grant Program**

The State Flexibility to Stabilize the Market Grant Program (“State Flexibility Grant”) will provide grant funds to 30 States and the District of Columbia to enhance and support the role of States in the implementation of and planning for selected Federal market reforms and consumer protections guaranteed by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), including: guaranteed availability of coverage, guaranteed renewability of coverage, and essential health benefits.

These grants will help support State Departments of Insurance efforts to make sure their laws, regulations, and procedures are in line with Federal requirements and that States are able to effectively regulate their respective health insurance markets through innovative measures that support the selected Federal market reforms and consumer protections.

**Grant Awards Overview:**

Approximately \$8.6 million is being awarded to assist State Departments of Insurance in planning and implementing select key insurance market reforms and consumer protections. Grant funds can be used for a variety of planning and implementation objectives related to the selected market reforms and consumer protections, including but not limited to implementing or enhancing policy form review, hiring or contracting with a clinician to review formularies, developing actuarial and economic analyses, and performing market scans of the respective State’s health insurance market to improve and expand the number of coverage options. The grant will have a project and budget period of 24 months from the award date, August 20, 2018, to August 19, 2020. Each applicant awarded a grant will receive a minimum baseline amount of \$274,345 (see Table 1 for award totals by jurisdiction). In addition to receiving a baseline award, each applicant awarded a grant will also receive “Workload” funds. Workload funds are determined based on the population and number of health insurance issuers in the State.

Grants will be awarded to the District of Columbia (DC) and the following States: Alaska (AK), Arkansas (AR), Colorado (CO), Hawaii (HI), Idaho (ID), Illinois (IL), Indiana (IN), Iowa (IA), Kentucky (KY), Maryland (MD), Massachusetts (MA), Michigan (MI), Minnesota (MN), Mississippi (MS), Nebraska (NE), Nevada (NV), New Hampshire (NH), New Jersey (NJ), New Mexico (NM), Nevada (NV), North Carolina (NC), Oregon (OR), Pennsylvania (PA), Rhode Island (RI), South Dakota (SD), Tennessee (TN), Utah (UT), Virginia (VA), Washington (WA), West Virginia (WV), and Wyoming (WY).

**Table 1: State Flexibility to Stabilize the Market Grant Awards by State**

	<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Market Reform</b>	<b>Total Award Amount</b>
1	Alaska	Guaranteed Availability of Coverage, Guaranteed Renewability of Coverage, Essential Health Benefits	\$276,972.00
2	Arkansas	Essential Health Benefits	\$279,666.10
3	Colorado	Guaranteed Availability of Coverage, Guaranteed Renewability of Coverage	\$282,062.29
4	District of Columbia	Guaranteed Availability of Coverage, Guaranteed Renewability of Coverage	\$277,958.59
5	Hawaii	Guaranteed Availability of Coverage, Guaranteed Renewability of Coverage	\$278,527.95
6	Idaho	Guaranteed Availability of Coverage	\$278,683.53
7	Illinois	Essential Health Benefits	\$284,155.00

8	Indiana	Guaranteed Availability of Coverage, Guaranteed Renewability of Coverage, Essential Health Benefits	\$283,954.52
9	Iowa	Guaranteed Availability of Coverage	\$225,902.00
10	Kentucky	Essential Health Benefits	\$279,182.86
11	Maryland	Guaranteed Availability of Coverage, Guaranteed Renewability of Coverage, Essential Health Benefits	\$280,000.00
12	Massachusetts	Essential Health Benefits	\$283,211.89
13	Michigan	Guaranteed Availability of Coverage	\$283,947.50
14	Minnesota	Guaranteed Availability of Coverage, Guaranteed Renewability of Coverage, Essential Health Benefits	\$274,593.00
15	Mississippi	Guaranteed Availability of Coverage, Guaranteed Renewability of Coverage, Essential Health Benefits	\$279,734.10
16	Nebraska	Guaranteed Availability of Coverage, Guaranteed Renewability of Coverage, Essential Health Benefits	\$278,821.74
17	Nevada	Essential Health Benefits	\$249,979.00
18	New Hampshire	Guaranteed Availability of Coverage, Essential Health Benefits	\$280,076.12
19	New Jersey	Guaranteed Availability of Coverage	\$284,105.82
20	New Mexico	Guaranteed Availability of Coverage, Essential Health Benefits	\$279,843.03
21	North Carolina	Guaranteed Availability of Coverage, Guaranteed Renewability of Coverage	\$283,873.39
22	Oregon	Guaranteed Availability of Coverage	\$282,754.02
23	Pennsylvania	Guaranteed Availability of Coverage, Guaranteed Renewability of Coverage, Essential Health Benefits	\$290,203.01
24	Rhode Island	Guaranteed Availability of Coverage, Guaranteed Renewability of Coverage, Essential Health Benefits	\$276,715.91
25	South Dakota	Guaranteed Availability of Coverage, Guaranteed Renewability of Coverage, Essential Health Benefits	\$278,118.05
26	Tennessee	Essential Health Benefits	\$283,060.64
27	Utah	Guaranteed Availability of Coverage, Guaranteed Renewability of Coverage	\$278,750.00
28	Virginia	Guaranteed Availability of Coverage, Essential Health Benefits	\$285,093.00
29	Washington	Guaranteed Availability of Coverage	\$284,135.00
30	West Virginia	Essential Health Benefits	\$277,316.68
31	Wyoming	Guaranteed Availability of Coverage, Guaranteed Renewability of Coverage, Essential Health Benefits	\$275,558.40
	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$8,616,955.14</b>

**Background on Funding:**

This funding is part of \$250 million for State Rate Review Grants provided by Section 2794 of the PPACA to improve the process for how States review proposed health insurance rates. The funds announced today are unspent Rate Review Grant funding from prior years that are available to the Secretary to award grants to States for planning and implementing federal insurance reforms and consumer protections. Since some states either did not request funding from CMS or completed their Rate Review Grant project under budget, funds were returned. In October 2016, CMS used unspent funds from the Rate Review Grants to award the Health Insurance Enforcement and Consumer Protections Grants. Additional funding still remains and CMS is in a position to award funds for this new grant that provides States with resources to support the establishment of innovative measures to improve their markets.

For more information on the grant awards, visit: <https://www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Resources/Funding-Opportunities/index.html>