

Section 703 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA), Public Law 108-173, directs the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to conduct a demonstration project that will test an alternative approach to the delivery of Medicare home health services.

Under the demonstration, Medicare beneficiaries receiving home health may be eligible to receive medical adult day care services as a substitute for a portion of home health services that would otherwise be provided in the beneficiary's home. The statute requires the demonstration to run for a period of 3 years at no more than 5 home health agency sites in states that license or certify medical adult day care facilities.

Proposals from potential applicants were solicited through a notice published in the *Federal Register* on June 24, 2005. In response to the solicitation, applications from 10 Medicare certified home health care entities were received by the September 22, 2005, due date. Two independent review panels were convened in October 2005 to review the proposals and make recommendations for selection.

The following applicants were selected to participate as demonstration sites:

- Aurora Visiting Nurse Association, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Doctor's Care Home Health, McAllen, Texas
- Landmark Home Health Care Services, Allison Park, Pennsylvania
- Metropolitan Jewish Health System, Brooklyn, New York
- Neighborly Care Network, St. Petersburg, Florida

Implementation of the demonstration began at all five sites on August 1, 2006.

(See downloads area below for more information: Legislative Language, Press Release, Federal Register Notice, Solicitation, Medicare Waiver Demonstration Application, Home Health Information Resource for Medicare, Contact Information)