

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
Implementation Projects for 2011

1st Quarter (January-March 31)

Insurance Coverage Expansions

- Establishment of national voluntary insurance program for purchasing community living assistance services and supports (§8001-8002) (ELD) (*LTC WG*)

Insurance Reforms

- Public/Private partnership to conduct outreach to Medicaid enrollees regarding preventive services (§4004) (DPH1, MH2)

Transparency/Fraud and Abuse

- Establish Standard Complaint form for residents of SNF (§6105) (DPH)
- Reform civil penalties related to SNF suits (§6111) (DPH)
- Requirement of notification of SNF facility closure in advance of closure by at least 60 days (§6113) (DPH)
- Elimination of duplication between the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank and the National Practitioner Data Bank (§6403) (MassHealth)
- Termination of provider participation under Medicaid if terminated under Medicare or other state plan (§6501) (MassHealth)
- Medicaid exclusion from participation relating to ownership/control and management affiliations (§6502) (MassHealth)
- Billing agents, clearing houses or other alternate payees required to register under Medicaid (§6503) (MassHealth)
- Prohibition on payments to institutions or entities outside the US (§6505) (MassHealth)

Quality

- Establish Nursing Home Compare Website (§6103) (DPH)
- HHS to issue regs requiring chain restaurants and vending machines to report the nutritional value of their content (§4205) (DPH)
- Develop a set of quality Measures for Medicaid eligible adults (§2701) (MassHealth)

Taxes and Revenue

- Value of employer benefit reported on W-2 forms (§9002) (*EWG*)
- Definition of medical expenses for itemized deductions extended to apply to HSAs archers, MSA and H-FSAs. (§9003) (*EWG*)
- Increased penalty for non medical use of HSA funds (§9004) (*EWG*)
- Establishment of Simple Cafeteria plans for small business (§9022) (*EWG*)

Grants/Demonstrations

- Grants to states to plan and establish exchanges (§1311) (CCA1, DOI2) (*IR WG*)
- Grants to states for Medicaid beneficiaries to participate in programs providing incentives for healthy lifestyles. (§4108) (MassHealth)
- Medicaid Health Home for enrollees with chronic conditions (§2703) (MassHealth) (*LTC WG*)
- Demonstration to develop national independent monitor program for SNF (§6112) (DPH) (*LTC WG*)
- National demonstration on best practice using technology in nursing homes (§6114) (MassHealth) (*LTC WG*)
- Establish community based care transitions demonstration program (§3026) (*LTC WG*)

3rd Quarter (July-September 30th)

Insurance Reforms:

- Prohibition on federal payments for Medicaid services related to hospital acquired conditions (§2702) (MassHealth1, DPH2, DHCFP2)
- Adoption of uniform standards and operating rules for the electronic transactions that occur between providers and health plans (§1104) (MeHI, DOI2, MassHealth2, CCA2)

4th Quarter (October-December 31)

Grants/Demonstrations

- Create state balancing incentives to provide HCBS. (§10202) (MassHealth) (*LTC WG*)
- Medicaid Community First Choice Option an optional Medicaid benefit through which States could offer community-based attendant services and supports to Medicaid beneficiaries with disabilities who would otherwise require institutional level of care (§2401) (MassHealth)(*LTC WG*)

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Grants/Demonstrations

Disabled & Elders

- Community based collaborative care network program - a consortium of health care providers with a joint governance structure that provides comprehensive coordinated and integrated health care services for low-income populations. (§10333) (MassHealth1, DPH2)

Mental Health

- Medicaid Emergency Psychiatric Care Demonstration (§2707) (MassHealth)
- Centers for Excellent for Depression (§10410) (DMH1, DPH2)

Public Health

- Grants for small business to provide comprehensive workplace wellness programs (§10408) (EOHED) (*EWG*)
- Grants to assure improved health status of racial and ethnic minorities (§10334) (DPH)
- Programs relating to congenital heart disease (§10411) (DPH)

Quality Improvements

- HHS to authorize spending \$50M over 5 years for alternative design of resolving medical malpractice claims (§10607) (unassigned)

Long term care ombudsman and elder abuse prevention (§6703)

- Grants for forensic centers for detecting elder abuse -2031 within 6703 (ELD)
- Grants for EHR enhancement in LTC facilities -2041 within 6703 (DPH)
- Grants for improved staffing and training for LTC- 2041 within 6703 (DPH)
- Funding and technical assistance to state and local adult protective services - 2042 within 6703 (ELD)
- Long term care ombudsman – grants to LTC facilities and entities to improve state LTC ombudsman capacity -2043 within 6703 (ELD)
- Grant to survey skilled nursing facilities - 2046 within 6703 (DPH)

Health Care Workforce Improvement and Development

- Training for direct care workers (§5302) (DPH) (*HCWF WG*)
- Geriatric workforce development (§5305) (*HCWF WG*)
- Demonstration for family nurse practitioner training programs (§10501) (DPH) (*HCWF WG*)
- Preventive and public health training program (§10501) (DPH) (*HCWF WG*)

** The grants have no specified application or RFP dates. However they all are alleged to be funded in FFY11.

Working Group Key:

IR WG = Insurance Reform Working Group
EWG = Employer Working Group
SI WG= Subsidized Insurance Group
LTC WG = Long-Term Care Working Group
HCWF WG = Health Care Workforce Development Working Group
MHDHP WG = MassHealth Department of Public Health Working Group