

Project Abstract

Cooperative Agreement to Support Establishment of State-Operated Health Insurance Exchanges

Organization Name:

State of Connecticut

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Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight

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The State of Connecticut is applying for a Level One Establishment Grant from the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) to further its planning, development and design of an Insurance Exchange for the State. The application is part of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), which will increase access to affordable health coverage and reduce the number of uninsured and underinsured in the State of Connecticut which total approximately 377,000 individuals.

Currently, with our federal planning grant funds, Connecticut is conducting a detailed market impact assessment, developing financial and economic models to ensure Exchange sustainability, and analyzing the requirements for the IT system interface between Medicaid and the Exchange. This research will be completed in the Fall of 2011 and will provide Connecticut with the critical foundation for Exchange design, development, and implementation planning.

However, the planning grant only takes Connecticut part of the way toward addressing the full range of issues that must be resolved to build a State Exchange. Before Connecticut can successfully apply for Level Two Establishment funding to design a fully functioning Exchange by 2014, Connecticut needs to address additional core areas while completing planning research efforts.

Level One grant funding will enable Connecticut to focus on three necessary projects with a coordinated purchasing strategy, including written requests for proposals for implementing the technical systems identified. These projects include procurement of office space and Exchange leadership staffing, business operations, and consumer support program design and development.