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# CMS Administrator



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# CMS' 10 Regional Offices



# Four Consortia

<b>Consortium/Business Line</b>	<b>Consortium Administrator (CA)</b>	<b>CA Location</b>	<b>Senior Management Official</b>
Consortium for Medicare Health Plans Operations (CMHPO)	James T. Kerr.	New York	Boston New York Philadelphia
Consortium for Financial Management and Fee for Service Operations (CFMFFSO)	Nanette Foster Reilly	Kansas City	Kansas City Denver San Francisco
Consortium for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations (CMCHO)	Jackie Garner	Chicago	Chicago Seattle
Consortium for Quality Improvement and Survey & Certification Operations (CQISCO)	Randy Farris, M.D.	Dallas	Atlanta Dallas

# Atlanta Regional Office

- The Atlanta Regional Office serves eight states –
- Alabama
- Florida
- Georgia
- Kentucky
- Mississippi
- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- Tennessee



# The Atlanta Regional Office

- Provides health care security for over 18 million people
  - 8.9 million Medicare beneficiaries
  - 9 million Medicaid recipients (including 1.6 million dual eligibles)
  - 725,000 CHIP kids

# Medicare Coverage

- Part A – Hospital Insurance
- Part B – Medical Insurance
- Part C – Medicare Advantage Plans
- Part D – Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage

# Medicaid

- Federal and State program
  - For some with limited income and resources
- If eligible, most health care costs covered
- Each state decides
  - Who is eligible
  - How people apply
- Office names vary
  - Social services
  - Public Assistance

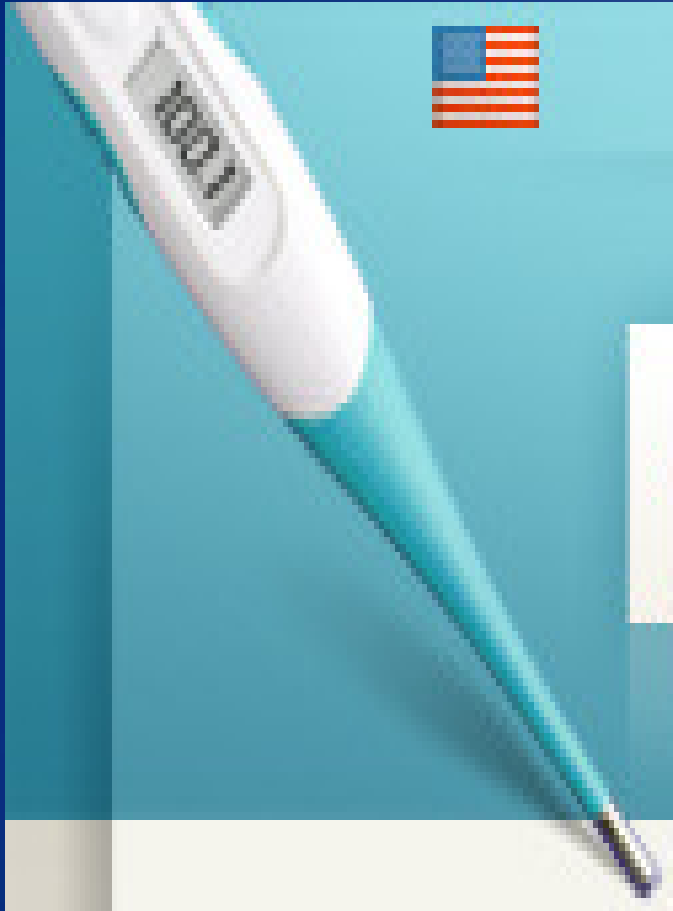
# Children's Health Insurance Program

- Families who earn too much to qualify for Medicaid and who cannot afford private insurance may be able to qualify for CHIP
- For little or no cost, this insurance pays for: doctor's visits; immunizations; hospitalizations, and emergency room visits
- Insure Kids Now (877-KIDS-NOW) or [www.insurekidsnow.gov](http://www.insurekidsnow.gov)
- *Get Covered, Get in the Game* campaign

# CMS Highlights

- Competitive bidding for medical equipment suppliers (DMEPOS)
- Children's Health Insurance Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA)
- Medicare and Medicaid Anti-Fraud Activities
- CMS Proposes Definition of Meaningful Use of Electronic Health Records (HITECH)
- Affordable Care Act

# DMEPOS



- Competitive bidding
- 10 equipment/supply categories
- Lower prices
- Closer relationship with winning bid suppliers
- 9 MSA's

# DMEPOS

## COMPETITIVE BIDDING AREAS

1. Pittsburgh [PA]
2. Cincinnati, Middletown [OH, KY]
3. Charlotte, Gastonia, Concord [NC, SC]
4. Orlando, Kissimmee [FL]
5. Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, Pompano Beach [FL]
6. Cleveland, Elyria, Mentor [OH]
7. Kansas City [KS, MO]
8. Dallas, Ft. Worth, Arlington [TX]
9. Riverside, San Bernardino, Ontario [CA]

# CHIPRA of 2009

- Reauthorized SCHIP
  - Health insurance for children
  - Now called CHIP
- Federal/State partnership
- States set own guidelines within Federal rules
- States can establish
  - Medicaid Expansion program
  - Separate CHIP program
  - Combination of the two

# Stop Medicare & Medicaid Fraud

- [www.CMS.gov](http://www.CMS.gov) website
- Link for [stopmedicarefraud.gov](http://stopmedicarefraud.gov)
- Site offered by DOJ and HHS
- State specific information



# HEAT Task Force



- Fighting Fraud and Abuse has become a Cabinet level priority for both DOJ and HHS
- In Fiscal Year 2009, DOJ recovered over a billion in health care fraud monies and recorded approximately 300 convictions

# Electronic Health Records

- The Recovery Act includes significant funding for incentive payments to eligible physicians and hospitals to adopt electronic health records – HITECH Act
- CMS has published regulations that provide details to these providers on what they must do to qualify for the incentives – “meaningful use”
- These payments can begin next year for those who qualify



# DHHS News Release

## New Funds Support Rural Hospitals' Switch to Electronic Health Records

*Fri, 10 Sep 2010 00:01:00 -0500*

HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius today announced nearly \$20 million in new technical support assistance to help critical access and rural hospital facilities convert from paper-based medical records to certified electronic health record (EHR) technology. Some 1,655 critical access and rural hospitals in 41 states and the nationwide Indian Country, headquartered in the District of Columbia, stand to benefit from this assistance, which can help each of them qualify for substantial EHR incentive payments from Medicare and Medicaid.

<http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2010pres/09/20100910a.html>

**<http://healthit.hhs.gov/ruralhealth>**

**Medicare Current Topics**

# Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act (ACA)

- **Large** number of changes
- Many changes effective this year and next year
- Only some of these are for CMS to implement

# Medicare changes from ACA

## Some provisions begin right away:

- Begins to close the Medicare Part D “donut hole”— \$250 checks in 2010
- Makes preventative care free under Medicare – effective 1/1/11
- Moves open season out of the Christmas holiday period – effective 2011 (Oct 15 – Dec. 7)
- Reduction in number of MA plans for 2010 open season

# Medicare changes from ACA

Other changes are more subtle, requiring further regulations and/or phased implementation – some you may have heard of:

- accountable care organizations
- discounts on brand name drugs in Part D beginning 2011
- reports on health resource utilization to individual physicians
- incentives to reduce avoidable hospital re-admissions
- tying MA plan payments to clinical outcomes

## Other changes you may have read about

- Many of the changes in ACA are not assigned to CMS to implement
- HHS has created a new office to work with the insurance industry called the Office of Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight, or OCIIO
- You can see what they are working on at:  
[www.hhs.gov/ociio](http://www.hhs.gov/ociio)
- public information at [www.healthreform.gov](http://www.healthreform.gov)

# OCIO tasks

- **Children with Pre-existing conditions-** *effective 6 months after enactment*
- **Interim High Risk Pools** – *effective in 2010*
- **Preventing Rescissions** if someone gets sick - *effective 6 months after enactment*
- Coverage for **young people up to 26<sup>th</sup> birthday** - *effective 6 months after enactment*
- **Early Retirees** – *effective 2010*
- **Lifetime Limits** - *effective 6 months after enactment*
- **Restrictive annual limits on coverage** - *effective 6 months after enactment*

# OCIO references

- You can see what they are working on at:  
[www.hhs.gov/ociio](http://www.hhs.gov/ociio)
- Their High Risk Pool information and applications are on [www.pcip.gov](http://www.pcip.gov)

# Proposed Regulations

- Inpatient PPS proposed rule
- Outpatient PPS proposed rule
- Physician Fee Schedule proposed rule
- Home Health PPS proposed rule
- Telemedicine proposed rule

# Helpful Resources

- 1-800 medicare /1-800-633-4227
- [www.Medicare.gov](http://www.Medicare.gov)
- [www.CMS.gov](http://www.CMS.gov)
- [www.healthreform.gov](http://www.healthreform.gov)
- [www.hhs.gov/ociio](http://www.hhs.gov/ociio)
- [www.pcip.gov](http://www.pcip.gov)
- Medicare & You Handbook
- SHIP - <http://www.medicare.gov/contacts/organization-search-criteria.aspx>

# Medicare E-Handbook

- Environmentally friendly
- Saves tax dollars
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  - Sign up by May 31 to get e-handbook in 2009



# Thank you for your attention

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