

**Six States (CT, DE, IN, NH, RI, WV) and District of Columbia to Receive Federal Matching Funds for Electronic Health Record Incentives Program**

In another key step to further states' role in developing a robust U.S. health information technology (HIT) infrastructure, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced 8/2 that the Medicaid programs of Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia will receive federal matching funds for state planning activities necessary to implement the electronic health record (EHR) incentive program established by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). The matching funds to the six states and DC total \$5.75 million.

EHRs will improve the quality of health care for the citizens of the six states and DC and make their care more efficient. EHRs make it easier for the many providers who may be treating a Medicaid patient to coordinate care. Additionally, EHRs make it easier for patients to access the information they need to make decisions about their health care.

The releases highlight awards (totaling \$5.75 million) of 90 percent federal matching funds for planning activities for the Recovery Act's Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentives Program.

This group of releases is part of a rolling announcement we began in November 2009. To date, including these new announcements, we will have awarded a total of \$73.32 million to 45 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Connecticut:	\$695,000
Delaware:	\$247,000
District of Columbia:	\$817,000
Indiana:	\$2.31 million
New Hampshire:	\$335,000
Rhode Island:	\$401,000
West Virginia:	\$945,000

**Subtotal: \$5.75 million**

**Total awards to date: \$73.32 million**

Additional information on implementation of the Medicaid-related provisions of the Recovery Act's EHR incentive payment program may be found at:

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Recovery/11\\_HealthIT.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Recovery/11_HealthIT.asp#TopOfPage)

The CMS press releases issued 8/2 are available at: [https://www.cms.gov/apps/media/press\\_releases.asp](https://www.cms.gov/apps/media/press_releases.asp)