

**U.S. House and Senate Notification**  
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**To: Congressional Health Staff**

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**Re: Health reform law provides coverage for nearly 50,000 Americans with Pre-Existing Conditions**

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius today announced that the new health care law's Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP) program is providing insurance to nearly 50,000 people with high-risk pre-existing conditions nationwide. The Department released a new report demonstrating how PCIP is helping to fill a void in the insurance market for consumers with pre-existing conditions who are denied insurance coverage and are ineligible for Medicare or Medicaid coverage.

Enrollment in PCIP has seen a nearly 400 percent increase from November 2010 to November 2011. PCIP enrollment is anticipated to trend upwards of 50,000 enrollees within the coming month.

The new report can be found at: <http://www.cciio.cms.gov/resources/files/Files2/02242012/pcip-annual-report.pdf>

For more information, including eligibility, plan benefits and rates, as well as information on how to apply, visit [www.pcip.gov](http://www.pcip.gov) and click on "Find Your State." Then select your state from a map of the United States or from the drop-down menu.

Please contact the CMS Office of Legislation at 202-690-8220 if you have any questions about this announcement. Thank you.