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CMS Announces Opportunity to Apply for Marketplace Navigator Grants
“Navigator” program will help consumers understand new coverage options as they enroll in new Marketplaces

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) today announced the availability of new funding to support Navigators in Federally-facilitated and State Partnership Marketplaces. Navigators are individuals and entities that will provide unbiased information to consumers about health insurance, the new Health Insurance Marketplace, qualified health plans, and public programs including Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program.

“Navigators will be an important resource for the millions of Americans who are eligible to enroll in new coverage opportunities through the Marketplace starting in October of 2013,” said CMS Acting Administrator Marilyn Tavenner.

The funding opportunity announcement is open to eligible self-employed individuals and private and public entities applying to serve as Navigators in states with a Federally-facilitated or State Partnership Marketplace. The new funding opportunity provides up to \$54 million in total funding and applications are due by June 7, 2013.

Last week, CMS released a proposed rule outlining standards for Navigators in Federally-facilitated and State Partnership Marketplaces.

To access the funding opportunity announcement, visit: <http://www.grants.gov>, and search for CFDA # 93.750.

To access the proposed rule released April 3, 2013, visit:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-04-05/pdf/2013-07951.pdf>

For more information about Navigators, including continuing updates, visit:

<http://cciio.cms.gov/programs/exchanges/assistance.html>