

U.S. House and Senate Notification
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Re: CMS Releases Guidance on Affordable Care Act Medicaid Preventive Services Provision

Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a State Medicaid Director (SMD) letter providing guidance on the implementation of section 4106 of the Affordable Care Act.

Section 4106 of the Affordable Care Act establishes a one percentage point increase in the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP), applied to Medicaid expenditures for adult vaccines and clinical preventive services, for states that cover, without cost-sharing, a designated list of specified preventive services and adult vaccines. The specified preventive services are those assigned a grade of A or B by the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), and approved vaccines and their administration recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

In order for states to claim the one percentage point FMAP increase for these services, states must cover in their standard Medicaid benefit package all recommended preventive services and adult vaccines, and their administration, and must not impose cost-sharing on such services.