Medicaid American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Section 4201 Health Information Technology (HIT) Planning Activities Potentially Eligible for 90 Percent HIT Administrative Match

Planning Activities Potentially Eligible for 90 Percent Administrative Federal Financial Participation (FFP)[1]
Activities Related to Provider Payment, Oversight, and Outreach
Analysis planning for incentive payment delivery systems and audit tracking of payments to providers.
Planning for provider education, outreach, training, and conferences, including provider surveys.
Needs assessment of dedicated staff and hardware/telecommunication for call centers in responding to provider inquiries.
Feasibility assessment of Medicaid's alignment with existing internal and external HIT/HIE efforts.
Assess needs for provider public reporting on clinical quality outcomes.
Evaluation & planning for developing and setting up metrics and measures for providers to demonstrate meaningful use of electronic health records once defined through rulemaking.
Planning for the development of appropriate data agreements.
Planning Activities
Initial planning and preparation activities (e.g., preparation HIT planning documents), including the use of Medicaid IT Architecture (MITA) concepts and tools (i.e., conducting a MITA State Self-Assessment for HIT).
Preparation of a Request for Proposal for vendor and consulting services for HIT and associated procurement activities (i.e., proposal evaluation and contractor selection, detailed project schedules, etc.).
Specific initiatives related to interoperability, data exchanges, and system interfaces that are approved by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).
Development of HIT deliverables (e.g., the State Medicaid HIT Plan components, such as the "As-Is" and "To-Be" Landscapes, the HIT Road Map to get the State from where they currently are to where they plan to go in 5 years, creation of that vision, and identification of the measurable benchmarks along the HIT Road Map).
HIT systems requirements analyses and HIT requirements development.
Quality assurance activities, including use of contractor support and associated procurement activities, including Independent Verification and Validation.
Creation and on-going Governance for HIT Planning.
Outreach and Education Activities
Production of HIT publications.
Dedicated mailbox for inquiries and responding to provider inquiries.
Provider community education.

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[1] States are expected to receive prior approval from CMS for claiming the higher match rate for initial HIT planning, through submission and approval of a Recovery Act HIT Planning-Advance Planning Document (HIT P-APD). Costs which cannot be specifically identified with Recovery Act HIT planning activities are matched at the 50-percent regular rate. Such costs are usually indirect costs, including the staff costs associated with agency-wide functions, such as accounting, budgeting, legal affairs, general administration, and with non-agency personnel, such as providers, etc., and non-personnel costs.

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Web site development and maintenance: Non-Medicaid State costs must be allocated across participating agencies.
Training/Meetings
Training of State staff, including attendance at the Medicaid Management Information System Conference and other HIT-related training conferences.
Training conferences (meeting room rental, if necessary; printing of handouts; conference brochure/program/announcement; reasonable refreshments) hosted by the State or attendance by State staff at CMS Regional and Central Office HIT Training Sessions.
Costs for Medicaid staff to attend meetings with providers, monitoring, and other meetings associated with planning activities.
Travel
Travel for the State HIT staff to attend meetings, conferences, workgroups, and training with providers to conduct monitoring activities and other activities specified in ARRA relative to section 4201.
Hardware
Equipment and telecommunication costs only for use of such equipment in ARRA HIT planning.
Software
Planning activities for the design of tracking, reporting and payment systems.
Oversight and Reports
HIT Environmental Assessment Study.
Analysis activities related to reports.
Oversight and monitoring activities
Other
States may request additional activities not included in this chart based upon their HIT Planning-Advance Planning Document request with the approval of CMS' Regional and Central Offices.