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GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The ARRA includes funding for multiple grant programs to assist health care providers implement health information technologies, especially electronic health records, and to participate in the electronic exchange of health information. Most of the funds will be awarded to large-scale entities such as states, state-designated entities, and educational institutions; providers and consortia of providers then will seek funding from those entities.

Immediate Funding to Strengthen the Health Information Infrastructure

The Secretary of Health and Human Services will administer \$2 billion for multiple programs; distribution methodologies for these funds are unknown at this time.

- Secretary is to invest funding in the infrastructure necessary to allow for and promote nationwide electronic exchange and use of health information in a secure, private, and accurate manner, including connecting health information exchanges
- Agencies involved include the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, Health Resources and Services Administration, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Indian Health Service
- At least \$300 million must be used to support regional or sub-national health information exchange efforts

Health Information Technology Extension Program

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology shall establish:

- HIT Research Center to provide technical assistance and develop or recognize best practices that can accelerate HIT adoption and implementation
- HIT Regional Extension Centers that will disseminate information gathered by the HIT Research Center
- Description of the centers to be published in the *Federal Register* by mid-May 2009

State Grants to Promote HIT

- Purpose is to facilitate and expand the electronic movement and use of health information
- States and state-designated entities may apply for funds for planning and/or implementation activities
- Requires non-federal source of matching funds

Loan Programs to Facilitate Widespread Adoption of Certified EHR Technology

- Grants awarded to states and Indian tribes to create a loan fund to assist providers in the purchase and implementation of EHR technology
- Interest rates not to exceed “market rate” with 10 year terms
- Requires non-federal source of matching funds
- Program to begin in January 2010

Demonstration Program to Integrate Information Technology into Clinical Education

- Grants to educational institutions to develop academic curricula to integrate EHR technology into health professional clinical education
- Eligible applicants include schools of medicine (osteopathic and allopathic), dentistry, pharmacy, graduate programs in behavioral or mental health, nursing and physician assistants, and graduate medical education programs
- Grants limited to 50 percent of project costs

Information Technology Professionals in Health Care

- National Science Foundation shall assist institutions of higher education establish or expand medical health informatics education programs

Additional grant programs administered by other agencies:

Clinical Comparative Effectiveness Research

- \$1.1 billion to support research to evaluate development and use of clinical registries, clinical data networks, and other forms of electronic health data that can generate or obtain outcomes data
- Of the total, \$300 million shall be awarded to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, \$400 million awarded to the National Institutes for Health, and \$400 million will be awarded at the discretion of the Secretary of Health and Human Services

Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program

- This long-established Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Services program will receive \$2.5 billion from the ARRA, a significantly larger appropriation than ever provided previously

Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program

- Another long-established program administered by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration will receive a \$4.7 billion infusion

