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**Health Reform Request for Proposals (RFP)
and Electronic Health Record Incentive Payment (EHRIP) Program
Update for Joint Fiscal Committee – November 8, 2011**

- Medicaid Enterprise Solution (MES)
 - Formerly called: Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS)
 - Health Benefit Exchange – aka Health Insurance Exchange (HIX)
 - Vermont's Integrated Eligibility Workflow System (VIEWS)
 - Replacement of the Agency's legacy financial & benefit eligibility system, ACCESS
 - Will address the functional needs of our Health Insurance Exchange (HIX)
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- Health Reform IT & Health IT Portfolio Management ("the Portfolio")
 - State has partnered with The Action Mill working on change management, communication planning, and development of a "Roadmap" detailing IT and business requirements, system interdependencies, timing, sequencing, and decision points.
 - An early iteration of the Roadmap will be included as part of the Act 48, Sec. 10 requirement for an updated Vermont Health IT Plan, due January 15, 2012.
 - RFP(s) for HIX and VIEWS will be released during calendar quarter 1 of 2012
 - This is when AHS will have required information and guidance from CMS
 - AHS will have information from Fed/State partners in regard to leveraging services
 - RFP(s) for one or more components of the MES will be issued based on identified timing issues and decisions made through the Roadmap process.
 - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) approved Vermont's initial Planning Advance Planning Document (PAPD) for MES and Portfolio work. This PAPD was recently updated and submitted to CMS and that approval is pending.
 - Funding for MES components & implementation is a 90/10 Federal/State match rate
 - Funding for Portfolio work is paid for from the MES PAPD that was already approved
 - CMS previously approved an Implementation Advance Planning Document (IAPD) for VIEWS work. This IAPD is in the process of being updated.
 - Funding for VIEWS was originally at a 48/52 Federal/State match rate
 - Recent Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) rules increased this rate to 90/10 for eligibility system development and implementation
 - Portions of Insurance Exchange work is 100% Federal match
 - CMS approved our Implementation Advance Planning Document (IAPD) for the Electronic Health Record Incentive Payment (EHRIP) program. (\$3,664,326 at 90/10)
 - Projected incentive payments to be paid out in the amount of \$32,330,000 at 100% Federal Financial Participation (FFP)
 - Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) needs approval by Joint Fiscal Committee (JFC) to begin making these payments
 - Governor is planning a press conference to announce the payments
 - CMS is reviewing our complete State Medicaid Health Information Technology Plan (SMHP) Implementation Advance Planning Document (IAPD) which includes funding to expand the Health Information Exchange; to develop a Provider Directory; for a Public Health Data Warehouse; for an Immunization Registry and Syndromic Surveillance; for Telemedicine development; and for Medicaid support of e-Prescriptions.
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**Health Benefits Exchange Planning Grants
Update for Joint Fiscal Committee
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FFY 11 Exchange Grant: Complete Background Research

- DVHA received \$1 million in federal funds for Exchange planning activities from 10/1/10 through 9/30/11
- DVHA received approval for a no-cost extension through 3/31/12 to complete additional tasks

FFY 12 Exchange Grant: Design Systems & Processes

- DVHA applied for a Level 2 Establishment Grant on 9/28/11 in the amount of \$18 million
- DVHA submitted answers to questions from the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) on 11/1/11
- HHS will issue their decision before the end of November
- DVHA released a Request for Proposals on 10/27/11; bids from vendors are due 11/30/11
- Tasks to be funded under this grant include the design of:
 - Exchange business functions, including a call center and financial management
 - IT systems
 - Small Business Options Program (SHOP) Exchange
 - Certification process for Qualified Health Plans
 - Risk-leveling programs for private insurance plans
 - Outreach, education, and marketing plan
 - Navigator program
 - Stakeholder input
 - Administrative simplification plan
 - Quality program and rating system for plans to be offered on the Exchange
 - Wellness programs

The grant application also includes funds for positions in DVHA and other departments.

FFY 13-15 Exchange Grant: Build & Implement the Exchange

- DVHA will apply for a Level 2 Establishment Grant in June of 2012
- Funding under this grant will extend through 12/31/14
- The Exchange must be self-sustaining beginning 1/1/15

