

## **Secretary Sebelius Announces First Round of CHIPRA Outreach Grants**

On July 6, HHS Secretary Sebelius announced \$40 million in grant funding for the outreach and enrollment in CHIP and Medicaid. These funds are the first round of the outreach and enrollment grants from the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA). The grants will range from \$25,000 to \$1 million.

"We know there are millions of children who are eligible for coverage but don't utilize their state health care programs," said Secretary Sebelius during the announcement. "These grants will help community organizations, tribal organizations, as well as states and local governments reach out to children and families to ensure more children get the health care they need and deserve."

Eligible applicants include: states, local governments, Indian tribe or tribal consortium or other tribal organization, federal health safety net organizations (including FQHCs), national, state, local or community based public or nonprofit private organization, certified faith-based organizations or consortium, elementary schools, or a consortium composed of two or more of the entities listed above.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will hold an **applicant's teleconference on the grants on July 22, 2009 from 2-4pm**. Other important dates to know are:

- Voluntary Notice of Intent to Apply: July 27, 2009
- Electronic Grant Application Due Date: August 6, 2009
- Mailed Grant Application Due Date: August 10, 2009
- Issuance of Notice of Awards: Prior to September 30, 2009
- Grant Period of Performance/Budget Period: September 30, 2009-September 29, 2011 (24 months)

Please click [here](#) for the announcement.