

Update from Steering Committee to  
Joint Select Committee on Health Reform Opportunities & Implementation

**A. Early Retiree Insurance Plan**

- Reduce costs for 55-64 in plans that cover retirees
- UNUM
- University of Maine System
- Portland Water District
- \$5B / Limited Funding
- Others in negotiation with HHS

**B. Pre-Existing Health condition Plan (PCIP)**

- Administered through the Dirigo Health Agency
- \$17M
- 9 enrolled, even before program publicity launch 9/20

**C. Grant Activities**

- Consumer Assistance Grant – (10/8 Award Date)
  - Competitive
  - Office of the Attorney General & Consumers For Affordable Health Care
- Home Visiting Grant \$668,000 one time funds for epidemiological analysis and health needs assessment of home visiting in Maine. OCFS is applicant, Maine CDC assisted.
- Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases. \$364,000/yr x 2 years for electronic laboratory reporting and epidemiological analysis of certain reportable infectious diseases. Maine CDC is applicant. (Non-competitive, should receive by 9/30.)
- HIV - \$60,000 over 2 years for electronic laboratory reporting of CD4 counts (an HIV/AIDS related test) Maine CDC is applicant. (Non-competitive, should receive by 9/30.)
- Public Health Infrastructure Grant - \$100,000 per year for a Public Health Performance Manager. Maine CDC is applicant, funds will go to Muskie. (Non-competitive, should receive funds by 9/30.)
- PREP (Personal Responsibility and Education Program) \$250,000/year x 5 years to reduce teen pregnancy and STDs – Maine CDC is the applicant and funds go to Family Planning Association of Maine. (Non-competitive, funds should be received by 9/30.)

- Tobacco Quit Line enhancements - \$56,000 over 2 years. Maine CDC is applicant. (Non-competitive)
- Physician Assistant training at UNE – awarded this summer to increase PA slots.
- CNA Training \$4.9 million to Dept of Labor.
- Pregnant and Parenting Teens Funds – OCFS submitted an application (Maine CDC assisted), applied for \$514,000/yr x 3 yrs. Most of funds would go to some high schools and post secondary schools for education programs serving this population.
- Health Care Workforce Planning – Dept of Labor applied ~\$150,000 one-time funds.
- Public Health Infrastructure – Maine CDC applied.
- Money Follows the Person (MFP) Planning Grant (OES).
- CNA training for TANF recipients – OAIS applied.

**D. Health Exchange Planning Grants to States**

Up to \$1M / State – October 1, 2010 – October 31, 2011

October 1<sup>st</sup> Award Date

- Administer through Governor's Office / Transition Plan
- Build on State Health Plan

Hire 2 Project Staff:

- Grant Manager
- Project Analyst

Consultants:

- 1) Continue Bailit Health Purchasing, LLC, who will do overall planning and engage other consultants as needed (e.g.: actuarial).
- 2) Qualitative research and focus groups:
  - How many will join Exchange / MaineCare?
  - How to incentivize employers not to drop coverage?
- 3) Stakeholder involvement:
  - Support Advisory Council on Health Systems Development
  - Buy webcam equipment
  - Focus groups

- 4) Program integration:
  - IT support to link DHHS and Exchange eligibility systems
  - Transitioning Dirigo and subsidies
  - Integration with MaineCare managed care
  
- 5) Exchange logistics:
  - Scope of Exchange
  - Governance
  - Possibility of regional back office functions
  - Developing an option that is financial self-supporting
  
- 6) Insurance / Marketplace Reforms:
  - Plans in-and-out of Exchange / adverse selection

Maybe use reinsurance model enacted in Maine but not implemented due to People's Veto of funding.

NOTE: Bureau of Insurance will update merged markets study.

**Budget**

Consultants (IT, Actuarial, Focus Groups, etc.)	\$725,000
Personal & Fringe	193,000
Travel	42,000
Equipment	30,000
Supplies	10,000

