CMS encouraging physicians for health care reform innovation: grants offered by Jacob Thomas

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At last someone is looking to cut healthcare cost innovatively- The Health Care Innovation Challenge program, announced on 14th November, last year is the most recent federal effort by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) to support health care innovations. The program is aimed at awarding grants to physicians and other health professionals, payers, local governments, to improve care and reduce costs for patients with public coverage.

The center will provide grants of $1 million to $30 million, which is to come from the $10 billion the center is receiving from the health system reform law. With applications for the innovation challenge grants due on 27th January, 2012, the innovation center expects to notify awardees by 30th March, 2012. Additionally CMMI â€“ part of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), is managing several similar programs designed to improve health care by providers.

Priority Areas for Proposals for the Health Care Innovation Challenge program include:

Workforce Development and Deployment of health care workers in new, innovative ways

All proposed models must be operational or capable of rapid expansion within six months

All proposals are expected to define a clear pathway to sustainability

The Health Care Innovation Center recognizes that new types of infrastructure activity are critical for implementation of the recent program like: data intermediaries for quality reporting and information sharing; transparency initiatives; preventive care models; medication reconciliation systems, etc. Physicians to cater to the likely increase in administrative burdens can utilize professional healthcare services.

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