

## Overview of CMS



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## DHHS Secretary



Kathleen Sebelius

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## CMS' 10 Regional Offices



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## Four Consortia

Consortium/Business Line	Consortium Administrator (CA)	CA Location	Senior Management Official
Consortium for Medicare Health Plans Operations (CMHPO)	James T. Kerr	New York	Boston New York Philadelphia
Consortium for Financial Management and Fee for Service Operations (CFMFFSO)	Nanette Foster Reilly	Kansas City	Kansas City Denver San Francisco
Consortium for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations (CMCHO)	Jackie Garner	Chicago	Chicago Seattle
Consortium for Quality Improvement and Survey & Certification Operations (CQISCO)	Randy Farris, M.D.	Dallas	Atlanta Dallas

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## Atlanta Regional Office

- The Atlanta Regional Office serves eight states –
- Alabama
- Florida
- Georgia
- Kentucky
- Mississippi
- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- Tennessee




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## The Atlanta Regional Office

- Provides health care security for over 18 million people
  - 8.9 million Medicare beneficiaries
  - 9 million Medicaid recipients (including 1.6 million dual eligibles)
  - 725,000 CHIP kids

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## Medicare Coverage

- Part A – Hospital Insurance
- Part B – Medical Insurance
- Part C – Medicare Advantage Plans
- Part D – Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage

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## Medicaid

- Federal and State program
  - For some with limited income and resources
- If eligible, most health care costs covered
- Each state decides
  - Who is eligible
  - How people apply
- Office names vary
  - Social services
  - Public Assistance

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## Children's Health Insurance Program

- Families who earn too much to qualify for Medicaid and who cannot afford private insurance may be able to qualify for CHIP
- For little or no cost, this insurance pays for: doctor's visits; immunizations; hospitalizations, and emergency room visits
- Insure Kids Now (877-KIDS-NOW) or [www.insurekidsnow.gov](http://www.insurekidsnow.gov)

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## CMS Highlights

- Competitive bidding for medical equipment suppliers (DMEPOS)
- Children's Health Insurance Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA)
- Stop Medicare and Medicaid Fraud
- CMS Proposes Definition of Meaningful Use of Electronic Health Records (HITECH)
- Affordable Care Act

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## DMEPOS



- Competitive bidding
- 9 MSAs
- 10 equipment/supply categories
- Lower prices
- Closer relationship with winning bid suppliers

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## CHIPRA of 2009

- Reauthorized SCHIP
  - Health insurance for children
  - Now called CHIP
- Federal/State partnership
- States set own guidelines within Federal rules
- States can establish
  - Medicaid Expansion program
  - Separate CHIP program
  - Combination of the two

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## Stop Medicare & Medicaid Fraud

- [www.CMS.gov](http://www.CMS.gov) website
- Link for [stopmedicarefraud.gov](http://stopmedicarefraud.gov)
- Site offered by DOJ and HHS
- State specific information



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## HEAT Task Force



- Fighting Fraud and Abuse has become a Cabinet level priority for both DOJ and HHS
- To date in fiscal year 2009, DOJ has recovered a billion in health care fraud monies and recorded 300 convictions

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## Electronic Health Records

- The Recovery Act includes significant funding for incentive payments to eligible physicians and hospitals to adopt electronic health records – HITECH Act
- CMS has published regulations that provide details to these providers on what they must do to qualify for the incentives – “meaningful use”
- These payments can begin next year for those who qualify



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## Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act (ACA)

- **Large** number of changes
- Many changes effective this year and next year
- Only some of these are for CMS to implement

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## Medicare changes from ACA

Some provisions begin right away:

- Begins to close the Medicare Part D “donut hole”– \$250 checks in 2010
- Makes preventative care free under Medicare – effective 1/1/11
- Moves open season out of the Christmas holiday period – effective immediately (Oct 15 – Dec. 7)
- Reduction in number of MA plans for 2010 open season

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## Medicare changes from ACA

Other changes are more subtle, requiring further regulations and/or phased implementation – some you may have heard of:

- accountable care organizations
- discounts on brand name drugs in Part D beginning 2011
- reports on health resource utilization to individual physicians
- incentives to reduce avoidable hospital re-admissions
- tying MA plan payments to clinical outcomes

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## Other changes you may have read about

- Many of the changes in ACA are not assigned to CMS to implement
- HHS has created a new office to work with the insurance industry called the Office of Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight, or OCIO
- You can see what they are working on at:  
[www.hhs.gov/ociio](http://www.hhs.gov/ociio)

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## OCIO tasks

- **Children with Pre-existing conditions-** *effective 6 months after enactment*
- **Interim High Risk Pools** – *effective in 2010*
- **Preventing Rescissions** if someone gets sick - *effective 6 months after enactment*
- Coverage for **young people up to 26<sup>th</sup>** birthday - *effective 6 months after enactment*
- Early Retirees – *effective 2010*
- Lifetime Limits - *effective 6 months after enactment*
- **Restrictive annual limits on coverage** - *effective 6 months after enactment*

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## OCIO references

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- their High Risk Pool information and applications are on [www.pcip.gov](http://www.pcip.gov)

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## Helpful Resources

- 1-800 medicare /1-800-633-4227
- [www.Medicare.gov](http://www.Medicare.gov)
- [www.CMS.gov](http://www.CMS.gov)
- [www.healthreform.gov](http://www.healthreform.gov)
- [www.hhs.gov/ociio](http://www.hhs.gov/ociio)
- [www.pcip.gov](http://www.pcip.gov)
- Medicare & You Handbook

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## Medicare E-Handbook

- Environmentally friendly
- Saves tax dollars
- Receive link to PDF of the handbook
- Easy sign up at [www.mymedicare.gov](http://www.mymedicare.gov)
  - Sign up by May 31 to get e-handbook in 2009



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