

**Arkansas Insurance Department
Health Benefits Exchange Planning Update
to
Joint Interim Committee on Advanced Communications and Information Technology
Arkansas General Assembly
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I. Health Benefits Exchange Planning and Implementation Timeline

- Exchange Planning Grant – \$1 million; September 30, 2010 – September 29, 2011
No Cost Extension awarded through January 29, 2012

- Level One Establishment Cooperative Agreement - State is eligible if progress under Exchange Planning Grant, but not yet able to meet eligibility requirements of Level Two described below.
*State Authority for Exchange is Not Required – Award period is up to one year after award;
Concurrent Level One Grants Allowed*

September 30, 2011 – Level One Establishment Grant Due Date
Planned Request Summary Attached

December 30, 2011 – *Final* Level One Establishment Grant Due Date
Request Not Determined at this Time

- Level Two Establishment Cooperative Agreement – State is eligible if it has Legal Authority to operate an Exchange that meets Federal Requirements available at time of application
Award period is date of award through December 31, 2014

Remaining Application Due Dates are September 30, 2011; December 30, 2011;
March 30, 2012; and June 29, 2012

June 29, 2012 is firm as final application date

- Application to DHHS for State Exchange Certification due - October 2012
- Full or Conditional Certification required for State Exchange - January 1, 2013
- Open Enrollment for Exchanges (State or Federal) – October 1, 2013
- Exchange Fully Operational (State or Federal) – January 1, 2014
- Exchange must be self-sufficient (State or Federal) – January 1, 2015

II. Discussion of Arkansas Level One Establishment Cooperative Agreement – Request due September 30, 2011