

Recent Health and Human Services (HHS) State Initiatives

HHS Announces \$650 Million for Prevention and Wellness Initiative

These funds from American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) will be used to increase physical activity, improve nutrition, and decrease obesity and smoking in U.S. communities. Communities and tribes can apply through the comprehensive public health initiative, *Communities Putting Prevention to Work*, to be led by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Applications are due by December 1, 2009. For more information, go to: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2009pres/09/20090917a.html>.

HHS – Awards Over \$95 Million to States and Health Centers

On September 3, 2009, HHS announced \$70.9 million in grants to 13 states to support the expansion of health care coverage for their uninsured populations. The states receiving funds are Colorado, Kansas, Maine, Minnesota, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Texas, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin. For more information, including the amount received by each state, go to: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2009pres/09/20090903c.html>.

On August 23, 2009, HHS announced \$25.7 million in grants to community health centers. One hundred eighty grants will be given to existing health centers to help improve and increase their current level of services. Forty-eight planning grants will be awarded for the development of new health center sites. For a full list of grantees, the locations, and funding levels, go to: <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2009pres/08/20090823a.html>.

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