

HHS Announces the Federal Share of Medicaid, SCHIP, and Aid to the Needy for FY 2008

On November 30, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced the calculated Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP) and Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentages for fiscal year (FY) 2008 that will be used to determine the federal government share of the cost for Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). (**[View a copy of the HHS announcement and payment rates](#)**).

The percentages will be effective from Oct. 1, 2007 through Sept. 30, 2008, and are given in table format for each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories. HHS is required by the Social Security Act to publish the Federal Medical Assistance Percentages each year.

However, the percentages for Titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act may change, pending comments received on the implementation of a Hurricane Katrina-related provision in the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA), according to the notice. The DRA holds that any state affected by an influx of a significant number of evacuees as a result of Hurricane Katrina may receive an adjustment to its funding.

HHS plans to soon release a notice and seek comments on proposed adjustments to the FMAP percentages based upon the DRA. "The final percentages may change from those in this notice for affected states pending receipt and review of those comments," the notice said.

According to HHS, publishing the FMAPs provides advance notice to states of changes in the coming fiscal year and allows them to make any necessary changes.

The percentages will be used to determine the amount of federal matching for state Medicaid programs, the State Children's Health Insurance Program expenditures, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families contingency funds, and the federal share of child support enforcement collections, among other programs.

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