

## Medical Liability Reform and Patient Safety Demonstration Projects

The Obama Administration has announced a new demonstration initiative that will help states and health care systems test medical liability reform and patient safety models.

Under the initiative:

- States and health systems would compete for grants of up to \$3 million for up to 3 years for implementation and evaluation of evidence-based patient safety and medical liability demonstrations.
- States and health systems would also compete for one-year planning grants for up to \$300,000 and would be eligible for technical assistance.

In addition, a report reviewing existing initiatives that improve health care quality and patient safety and decrease medical liability will be released in December, 2009 to help guide the process.

Notice of funding opportunity will be posted on Grants.gov within 30 days and applicants will have two months to complete and submit their applications.

The Agency for Health Research and Quality (AHRQ) will review applications and make award decisions in early 2010.

*For more information, a fact sheet on the initiative is available at [http://www.whitehouse.gov/the\\_press\\_office/FACT-SHEET-Patient-Safety-and-Medical-Liability-Reform-Demonstration/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/FACT-SHEET-Patient-Safety-and-Medical-Liability-Reform-Demonstration/).*

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