

counted as one of the letters of reference.)

5. Additional information is required for the following categories of nominations:

a. Hospital representatives—In your statement regarding serving on the EMTALA TAG indicate—

(1) Your hospital's Medicare provider number;

(2) The type of hospital (public or private); and

(3) Whether or not your hospital has been cited for an EMTALA violation and, if so, the nature of the citation.

b. Practicing physicians—In your statement regarding serving on the EMTALA TAG indicate—

(1) Your board or specialty society and certification (if any) for your field of service;

(2) Your Unique Physician Identification Number (UPIN);

(3) Whether or not you have been cited for an EMTALA violation and, if so, the nature of the violation.

c. Representatives from the CMS regional office, State survey agency or Quality Improvement Organization—In your statement regarding serving on the EMTALA TAG indicate the extent of your experience with EMTALA investigations.

To ensure that a nomination is considered, we must receive all of the nomination information specified in section III of this notice by July 12, 2004.

Authority: Section 945 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA). (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773 Medicare—Hospital Insurance Program; and No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program.)

Dated: April 26, 2004.

Mark B. McClellan,

Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Notice of Grant Award to American Academy of Family Physicians for Phase One of an Open Source EHR Pilot Project Entitled "Making the Transition From Paper to Electronics in Office-Based Medical Practices"

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of grant award.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has awarded a grant entitled "Open source EHR Pilot Project, Phase One: Making the Transition from Paper to Electronics in Office-Based Medical Practices" to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), 11400 Tomahawk Creek Parkway, Leawood, KS 66211-2672, in response to an unsolicited application. The AAFP proposes that it will provide a comprehensive, low-cost, standardized, secure, and open source electronic health record (EHR) to the health care community. As a national academy, the AAFP is inherently familiar with the resources required and the necessary questions to be asked in order to make this a viable project, particularly on a national scale. The total amount of the award is \$100,000 for the period June 1, 2004, through November 30, 2004. This project is an opportunity for CMS to further its objective of providing Medicare/Medicaid beneficiaries with information to make better choices. It will investigate the use of Open Source EHR as a tool for improving quality of care for selected patient populations, e.g., diabetes and asthma, through routine collection of quality indicator and performance data and the delivery of evidenced-based guidelines and plans of care at the time of EHR use. This project is consistent with CMS' goal to improve health care quality and consumer decision-making in health care. Funding of this unsolicited proposal will result in a desirable public benefit in that its aim is to provide improvements in quality and safety of care delivery.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.779, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Research, Demonstrations and Evaluations)

Authority: Section 1110 of the Social Security Act.

Dated: May 18, 2004.

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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Medicaid Program; Demonstration To Improve the Direct Service Community Workforce

ACTION: Notice.

Part 1. Overview Information.

Funding Opportunity Title: Medicaid Program; Demonstration To Improve the Direct Service Community Workforce.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) No: 93.779.

DATES: No new applications will be accepted.

Part 2. Full Text of the Announcement.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

This notice announces the award of approximately \$6 million in funding through our "Demonstration to Improve the Direct Service Community Workforce" initiative pursuant to the President's Executive Order 13217 "Community-Based Alternatives for Individuals with Disabilities" and authorized under section 1110 of the Social Security Act. The "Demonstration to Improve the Direct Service Community Workforce" grants are designed to assist States and others develop innovative programs that improve recruitment and retention of direct service workers. The House of Representatives Conference Report (HR Conf. Rpt No. 108-401, at 784 [2003]) that accompanied the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004 (Pub. L. 108-199) outlines the scope of this project.

These grants are a part of the President's New Freedom Initiative to eliminate barriers to equality and grant a "New Freedom" to children and adults of all ages who have a disability or long-term illness so that they may live and prosper in their communities. This notice also contains information about the manner in which we will continue the award process that originally started in fiscal year (FY) 2003. We will not accept any new applications for the "Demonstration to Improve the Direct Service Community Workforce" grants in FY 2004.

The purpose of this demonstration program is to develop and implement programs that will increase the pool of direct care service workers, who help support people with disabilities in the community, through recruitment and