

collaborates with NCHSTP investigators to conduct HIV epidemiologic and surveillance studies worldwide particularly as they pertain to prevention and intervention strategies; (3) identifies and characterizes new HIV isolates and develops new screening tests for these isolates to determine their prevalence in various populations; (4) determines geotypic and phenotypic variations of HIVs that may affect pathogenesis, drug resistance, persistence, virulence, and transmissibility; (5) conducts and supports field epidemiologic investigations of the prevalence, distribution, trends, and risk factors associated with non-AIDS retroviral infections and associated diseases; (6) serves as a World Health Organization (WHO) Reference Center and as a member of the UNAIDS Virus Network to provide international consultation and technical assistance on laboratory procedures for HIV isolation, detection, and characterization; (7) develops and evaluates procedures for the isolation and characterization of HIV and for the detection of retroviral DNA or RNA from clinical samples; (8) provides training, reference testing, and reference reagents for virologic and molecular characterization of divergent HIVs for public health laboratories in the United States and WHO; (9) serves as a reference laboratory for the isolation of zoonotic retroviruses from clinical samples; (10) develops collaborations with other CDC and non-CDC scientists to promote scientific progress and accomplishments; and (11) collaborates with industry to promote commercialization of useful technology, methodologies, and reagents of public health importance.

HIV Immunology and Diagnostic Laboratory Branch (HCK58). (1) Conducts basic and applied studies of microbial-host interactions that occur in infections, particularly infection with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV); (2) conducts basic and applied investigations of the immune cell interactions that occur in HIV infection as well as in related immunologic/infectious diseases; conducts investigations of genetic traits of the host that influence the susceptibility, disease course, and immune response to infectious disease, particularly HIV diseases; (3) conducts studies related to the development, evaluation, improvement, and standardization of laboratory technologies uses for the diagnosis, surveillance, and monitoring of HIV infection both independently and in collaboration with the biotechnology industry; (4) performs

HIV antigen and antibody testing plus related standardized assays in support of the diagnostic/surveillance/epidemiologic requirements of CDC-based and CDC-affiliated studies of the HIV epidemic; (5) serves as a reference laboratory for State and local health departments; and (6) provides diagnostic services to other Federal agencies, the World Health Organization, CDC-affiliated academic centers, CDC-affiliated studies with other countries, and community organizations, as appropriate.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Notice of Grant Award to MedCO Health Solutions, Inc., To Evaluate an Open-Source Project Entitled, "A Comparison of Multiple Methods to Incent Physicians To Adopt Electronic Prescribing Devices"

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of Grant Award.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has awarded a grant entitled, "A Comparison of Multiple Methods To Incent Physicians To Adopt Electronic Prescribing Devices" to Medco Health Solutions, Inc., 100 Parsons Pond Drive, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417 in response to an unsolicited proposal. The period of performance is August 1, 2005 through July 31, 2006. The purpose of this grant is to fund an initial evaluation of the Southeastern Michigan e-Prescribing Initiative (SEMI) project. Through the use of e-prescribing, this program is intended to reduce the costs associated with the use of prescription drugs, and improve safety for patients, including Medicare beneficiaries, associated with an estimated 6,000 targeted physicians/prescribers in Southeastern Michigan. The project involves the active collaboration of multiple employers, insurance entities and care providers in eight counties in Southeastern Michigan. Partners include the Big Three automakers, Ford, General Motors and Daimler Chrysler; Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan; Henry Ford Health System/Health Alliance Plan; Health

Plus of Michigan; SureScripts, RxHub and MedCo. This is a unique project in terms of size, sponsoring organizations, patient base, geographic area, and approach. This project is consistent with CMS' goals to improve health care quality, patient safety, and the use of electronic prescribing. Funding of this unsolicited proposal will result in a desirable public benefit in that its aim is to provide needed information on the costs and critical success factors associated with the adoption of electronic prescribing, as well as to provide improvements in quality and safety of care delivery.

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Authority: Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93-779, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Research, Demonstrations and Evaluations; Section 1110 of the Social Security Act.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Title: The National Evaluation of the Court Improvement Program.

OMB No.: New Collection.

Description: The National Evaluation of the Court Improvement Program will describe the many paths followed by state courts to improve their oversight of child welfare cases, and will provide the field with information on effective models for juvenile and family court reform. Funded by the Children's Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in 2004, the five-year study is being carried out by a partnership of three organizations consisting of Planning and Learning Technologies (Pal-Tech, Inc.), the Urban Institute and the Center for Policy Research.