

## **Partnership Fund Pilot Award Summary**

**Concept Name:** Improving Medicaid Provider Eligibility through State Shared Services

**Lead Agency:** Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

**Funding Level:** \$2,500,000 in Partnership Fund pilot monies. CMS and pilot States will provide funding based on the current 90/10 matching formula for regular MMIS implementation.

**Number of States/Pilot Sites:** 5

**Summary of Funded Concept:** This pilot will produce and evaluate a prototype shared services solution for States to verify Medicaid provider eligibility. This solution is a component of the Medicaid Management Information System—MMIS—that each state currently builds and maintains separately. The pilot will test how open source technology reduces fraud and administrative costs to States and the Federal government by enabling multiple states to check Medicaid provider eligibility. This pilot will inform the use of a shared services model for MMIS as a best practice for States to adopt as they update their systems.

CMS will conduct the pilot by (1) using pilot funds to issue and award a prototype design Challenge using challenge.gov, with States participating in the panel that selects the best prototype to test; (2) using its standard MMIS 90/10 funding match and implementation authority to implement the solution in selected States; and (3) using pilot funds to evaluate the utility of the shared services model and specific prototype, including efficiency gains to States and CMS. The pilot evaluation will measure both administrative efficiencies available to States and CMS from the model as well as savings from increased program integrity. CMS and pilot States must evaluate and comply with privacy obligations.

### **Addressing the Partnership Fund’s Goals:**

- Reduce improper payments by better identifying fraudulent providers and stopping improper payments before they are issued, avoiding costly “pay and chase” scenarios
- Improve administrative efficiency by creating an open-source solution that can be shared among States, rather than having each State build its own costly system
- Improve service delivery by better identifying and preventing program participation by fraudulent providers

**Changes from the Original Pilot Concept Submission:** The proposal is being considered as submitted.

**Original Pilot Concept Proposal Submitted By:** CMS, in consultation with the Collaborative Forum.