



STATE OF MARYLAND

Community Health Resources Commission

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Martin O'Malley, Governor – Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor – John A. Hurson, Chairman
Grace S. Zaczek, Acting Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 22, 2008

To: Commissioners, School-Based Health Center Sponsors, and All Interested Parties

From: John A. Hurson, Chairman

Re: Clarification of Information Technology Requirement in School-Based Health Centers Call for Proposals and Request for Sliding Fee Scale and Premium Information

This is to clarify the requirement for applicants to address information technology strategies in their proposals regarding school-based health centers (SBHCs). Applicants are not required to incorporate new information technology strategies in their proposals. The Commission recognizes that SBHCs and their sponsors may have information technology capabilities that vary greatly along a continuum. Therefore, applicants may address information technology in several ways in their proposal. If the project does not directly incorporate enhancing information technology, the proposal must thoroughly describe the current information technology capabilities, and future plans for information technology strategies in the applicant sponsor organization and SBHCs which will benefit from the proposed project.

The Commission is most interested in encouraging all SBHCs to expand their services to as many uninsured individuals as possible among students and school staff. In addition to proposals which create new or expand existing SBHC services for all students and school staff, the Commission will consider proposals which extend SBHC services to members of the community outside the school, particularly the uninsured.

Request for Sliding Fee Scale and Premium Information in Addition to Grant Proposal

The Maryland Community Health Resources Commission, under Health General §19-2109 is charged with addressing sliding fee scales, reimbursements from managed care organizations, insurers, nonprofit health services plans, health maintenance organizations, and premiums for services delivered in school-based health centers. The Commission is asking that applicants for grants under this Call for Proposals provide the Commission with hard and electronic copies of sliding fee scales, reimbursement rates, and premiums for services delivered in SBHCs.

If the applicant does not charge for services in SBHCs, but charges for similar services in other parts of the organization, e.g., immunizations in Well Child clinics, the Commission is asking for sliding fee scales, reimbursements and premiums for those services. **Information provided in response to this request will have no bearing on the Commission's consideration of any proposal submitted under *Aligning Community Health Resources: Improving Access to Care for Marylanders through School-Based Health Centers Call for Proposals.***

The Commission encourages all interested parties to participate in the Frequently Asked Questions conference call regarding the SBHC Call for Proposals, which the Commission will conduct on Thursday, January 24, 2008 at 1 PM EDT. Please call Kimberly Isaac-Dallas at 410-764-4660 to register for the call.

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Conference Call participants are encouraged to e-mail their questions to Grace Zaczek at zaczekg@dhmh.state.md.us by Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at 5 PM. This will enable the Commission to prepare responses so the call time can be used as efficiently as possible. If you have any questions prior to the call, please contact Ms. Zaczek at 410-764-4661.

Thank you.

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