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CMS Clarifies ACA's Federal Match Linked to Full Medicaid Expansion

Under the ACA, the federal government will pay all state costs for expanding Medicaid eligibility to 133 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) beginning in 2014. The enhanced match will gradually decline to cover 90 percent of the states' costs by 2020. In the wake of the Supreme Court's ruling that states are not required to expand their Medicaid programs, there was confusion as to whether states could receive an enhanced federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) for a partial eligibility expansion (to a level below 133 percent FPL). [[More ...](#)]

SCOTUS to Decide Pay-for-Delay Issue

The Supreme Court on December 7 announced its decision to take the "pay-for-delay" case to settle discrepancies in decisions handed down by the lower courts. [[More ...](#)]

Two More Lawmakers Introduce Drug Compounding Legislation

Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT), ranking member of the Labor, HHS appropriations subcommittee, and Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY), have introduced legislation that would increase the FDA's oversight of drug compounding. [[More ...](#)]

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AHRQ Report Finds Teamwork Key to Long-Term Sustainability of Health IT Systems

A new report from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) highlights the cumulative experiences of more than 100 grantees that implemented major health IT projects between 2004 and 2007. [[More ...](#)]

Testing Labs Protected From CMS Sanctions Under New Law

Legislation signed into law on December 4 will protect laboratories that send test samples to other labs for analysis, a common practice in the industry. [[More ...](#)]

State News

- [Christie Vetoes Bill to Create State-Based Exchange](#)
- [KanCare Gets Go-Ahead from Feds](#)
- [Advocacy Groups Gather in South Carolina in Support of Medicaid Expansion](#)

Regulatory News

- [MedPAC Poised to Recommend Modest Update for Post-Acute Care Providers, SGR Replacement](#)
- [HHS Conditionally Approves Six States' Exchange Plans](#)
- [GAO Reports Find Use of Medicare Prepayment Edits and Consolidation of Medicaid Contractors Could Save Millions in Improper Payments](#)
- [GAO Finds Medicare Overpaid Dialysis Providers by \\$650 Million in 2011](#)

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Federal Register

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