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CMCS Informational Bulletin

DATE: March 7, 2014

FROM: Cindy Mann
Director

SUBJECT: Final Rule and Payment Notice: Basic Health Program

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Today the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) put on display at the *Federal Register* the final rule for the Basic Health Program (BHP) and the final funding methodology for BHP program year 2015 that will be used to calculate the federal BHP payment rates for states in 2015.

The BHP is an optional program, created by the Affordable Care Act that states can implement to provide health coverage to individuals with incomes up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL). In states that implement BHP, enrollees will receive health care coverage through the state's BHP instead of receiving the premium tax credit (PTC) and cost-sharing reductions (CSRs) to purchase coverage in the Marketplace. States will, as currently proposed, receive 95 percent of the PTC and 95 percent of the CSRs that the individual would have received had he or she enrolled in coverage offered through the Marketplace.

The two *Federal Register* notices and additional information about BHP is available online at <http://www.medicaid.gov/Basic-Health-Program/Behavioral-Health-Program.html>.

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