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Ms. Sydne Harwick
Legislative Clerk
Committee on Energy and Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ms. Harwick:

As a follow-up to the July 8th hearing entitled ‘Making Medicaid Work for the Most Vulnerable’, please find an attached response to Congressman Michael Burgess’s question regarding the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation and the use of multi-payer systems.

Sincerely,



Alan Weil, JD, MPP
President

Attachment- Response to The Honorable Michael Burgess

The Honorable Michael Burgess

During the hearing, you mentioned the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation and the use of multi-payer systems. Would you provide a reference for that? What was the data that CMMI used to make that determination and how much money was forwarded in those grants?

Information on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation State Innovation Models (SIM) initiative can be found at:

<http://www.cms.gov/apps/media/press/factsheet.asp?Counter=4546&intNumPerPage=10&checkDate=&checkKey=&srchType=1&numDays=3500&srchOpt=0&srcHData=&keywordType=All&chkNewsType=6&intPage=&showAll=&pYear=&year=&desc=&cboOrder=date>

According to information available on the CMMI website, the SIM initiative will provide nearly \$300 million to 26 awardee states to “support the development and testing of state-based models for multi-payer payment and health care delivery system transformation with the aim of improving health system performance for residents of participating states.” The majority (\$250 million) of this funding will be provided to the six ‘Model Testing’ states (Arkansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Oregon, and Vermont) to implement State Health Care Innovation Plans over a 42-month span.

The SIM awards were made competitively based upon applications submitted by the states.