

News Release

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STATE OF INDIANA APPROVED TO PROVIDE HEALTH COVERAGE TO EARLY RETIREES

INDIANAPOLIS (August 31, 2010) – Today, the State of Indiana was accepted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services into the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program.

Starting in September, the State of Indiana can begin submitting claims dating back to June 1, 2010 and will begin to receive reinsurance payments on those claims in October. Reimbursement will be made for medical claims for early retirees and their spouses, surviving spouses, and dependents. Savings to the state can then be used to reduce employer health care costs, provide premium relief to workers and families, or both.

The Early Retiree Reinsurance Program will act as a bridge to the new health insurance Exchanges in 2014, by providing \$5 billion in financial assistance to employers to help maintain coverage for early retirees age 55 and older who are not yet eligible for Medicare. Nationwide, nearly 2,000 employers, representing large and small businesses, state and local governments, educational institutions, non-profits, and unions have been accepted into the program in this first round of approvals.

For more information about the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program and a list of all Indiana employers that have been accepted into the program, visit <http://www.healthcare.gov/law/provisions/retirement/states/in.html>.

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