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Montana Antimicrobial Resistance Funding Opportunity

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The state of Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) has received competitive federal grant funding to support acute care hospital antimicrobial stewardship programs. ***These funds are for the purpose of helping Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) and Inpatient Prospective Payment System (PPS) hospitals implement the requirements of the proposed federal rule anticipated to go into effect late 2017 (see attached deliverables).***

We intend to award, at a minimum, \$2,000.00 of these funds to acute care hospitals in Montana that agrees to participate in the statewide network. In 2016/2017, 39 Critical Access Hospitals and 9 prospective payment system hospitals participated. Eligible organizations include CAH hospitals, PPS hospitals and long term acute care hospitals in Montana. In this funding period our goal is 100% of all hospitals participating. Funding beyond the initial \$2,000.00 will be based upon completion of deliverables beyond establishment of an AMS program and the number of hospitals that apply for funding.

Working with other state partners including the Montana Hospital Association, the Mountain Pacific Quality Improvement /Quality Innovation Network and the University of Montana, Skaggs School of Pharmacy, DPHHS will support hospital efforts to achieve the seven core elements of the national plan that will also be a condition of participation (COP) requirement of the proposed rule [§ 482.42(b)] for hospitals and critical access hospitals anticipated to be finalized in 2017. Further, these requirements are addressed in the Joint Commission's new antimicrobial stewardship standards.

We anticipate providing a minimum of \$6,000 this year to each hospital that applies, and meets all deliverables, in Montana through the period ending July 31, 2019. Funding is to support hospitals in meeting future CMS conditions of participation, JCAHO standards and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement and rule compliance. All CAH including IHS, PPS and long term acute care (LTAC) hospitals are eligible to apply.

Amounts may increase or decrease based upon the number of hospitals deciding to participate. Demonstrable progress at the individual hospital level and resulting aggregate results will allow the Department to request funding into future years. This effort is being performed as part of a statewide partnership. ***You must respond by December 15, 2017.***

In order to simplify the award process, we will NOT be asking each facility to sign a contract as this funding is initially limited to one year. You will need to sign a concurrence letter (attached) on your letterhead agreeing to the attached deliverables in relation to the funding. Once the concurrence letter is signed and returned to the Communicable Disease Epidemiology office, we anticipate processing an initial payment by late December with the final payment in August for services through July 31, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact me via email at kmilhon@mt.gov or by phone at 406-444-0921.

Sincerely
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