



## *State Health Access Program*

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The State Health Access Program awards grants to states to help expand access to affordable healthcare coverage for people who are uninsured. States can use any number of approaches, including three share community coverage, reinsurance plans, subsidized high risk insurance pools, health insurance premium assistance, statewide or automated enrollment systems for public assistance programs or other innovative strategies.

Below are just a few examples of the methods that State Health Access Program grantees are implementing:

- **Three-Share:** Texas is testing the effectiveness of the healthcare cost sharing account model, by using State Health Access Program funds to support the TexHealth Coalition three-share programs in six communities.
- **Premium Assistance:** New York and Nevada are using State Health Access Program funds to provide various forms of premium assistance to increase affordability for their expansion populations.
- **Benefit Design:** Wisconsin is providing a flexible limited benefit package to its childless adult population (i.e. the Core Plan).

Each State submits a 6-month progress report and an annual report describing the activities that have occurred under the grant, important processes undertaken to achieve the outcomes, the actual progress and outcomes of the HRSA supported activities, and the contribution of those activities toward progress in implementing its health care coverage program.

## *Funding*

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HRSA awarded a total of \$ 79.5 million to 13 grantees in FY 2009 to support program design and implementation over a 5-year grant period.

## *Participants*

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Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing  
Kansas Health Policy Authority  
Maine Dirigo Health Agency  
Minnesota State Dept of Human Services  
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services/Office of Rural Health and Community Care  
Nevada Department of Health and Human Services  
New York State Department of Health/Health Research, Inc.  
State of Oregon  
Texas Health & Human Services Commission  
Virginia State Department of Health  
State of Washington  
West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources  
Wisconsin Department of Health Services

## *Highlight*

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More than 80,000 individuals have either received State Health Access Program coverage or been found eligible for other coverage initiatives.

More information: <http://healthcarecommunities.org>