

Frequently Asked Questions on Civil Money Penalty Grant Applications

Q: When is the deadline to submit the grant application?

A: Currently there is not a deadline for submitting a Civil Money Penalty (CMP) grant application.

Q: Where do I find the application?

A: The CMP grant application may be found on the MS Medicaid website. Use the following link: <https://medicaid.ms.gov/programs/civil-money-penalty-cmp-grant-awards-program/>. Here you can open and print the application and find other useful information.

Q: Where do I submit the application?

A: The completed application must be emailed to the CMP Grants Mailbox: CMPSGrants@medicaid.ms.gov

Q: Is there a limit on the amount requested?

A: There is not a limit on the amount requested, but the amount granted is dependent on the following: 1) the balance in the State's Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) CMP grant fund and 2) the amount required to be maintained within the fund as an emergency reserve. The reserve fund must not exceed the greater amount of either 10% of the annual CMP funds returned to the State or 1 million dollars unless otherwise approved by the CMS Regional Office.

Q: Does the grant include state taxes?

A: The grant award amount **does not** include taxes. The grantee is responsible for paying any taxes connected with the project.

Q: Can you combine two or more products in one grant?

A: Yes, a grant can include a combination of products; however, it must be fully explained how each product helps in achieving the objectives and goals of the project. The product usage and how it will be sustained in the future must be justified.

Q: Can one provider or interested party apply for two grants? If more than one grant can be applied for, within what timeframe?

A: There is not a limit to the number of grants a party can apply for, nor is there a limited timeframe between applications. The organization should recognize that managing a grant project, especially if it involves more than one facility, is very time consuming.

Q. Can a project leader manage multiple grant projects during the same timeframe?

A: Due to the time involved in managing a grant project, the same project leader should not manage more than one grant project during the same timeframe, unless this person's job is solely for this purpose.

Q: Can sister facilities apply under one grant?

A: Yes, sister facilities may apply under one grant.

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Q: How do you communicate with the applicant after the grant is received?

A: If there are questions regarding the grant application, or changes need to be made before the committee recommends the grant request to CMS, the applicant will be notified by email.

Q: Can a grant application be stopped at the State level?

A: Yes, the application can be denied at the State level. CMS requires the State to make a recommendation and give reasons why the application should be considered by CMS. If the application does not meet the requirements specified by CMS in the application instructions, the grant request will be denied by the State. On very rare occasions, the State may deny the grant request after CMS approval. This would occur when evidence shows that the grantee would not meet the requirements of the CMP fund sub-grant with the State.

Q: Are involved organizations different from stakeholders?

A: Yes, CMS describes stakeholders as the nursing home community (residents, employees, governing body, resident councils and family councils). These stakeholders usually are involved in the development of the project. CMS defines involved organizations as entities that will receive funds through the project. These organizations may be consultants, contractors, or sub-contractors. The organization receiving the grant funds must list names, contact numbers, etc. of any organization receiving funds from the grant project and be able to produce contracts or sub-contracts if requested by CMS.

Q: How far in the future is realistic for my start date of the grant?

A: A realistic start date for a CMP grant project is at least six months from the date the application is submitted.

Q: How long does the sub-grant process take? Can it be expedited?

A: The sub-grant process can take approximately sixty days and is dependent upon the workload of the legal office. There is no way to expedite the process at this time.

Q: Does participation in a Systems Improvement Agreement (SIA) affect CMP grant approval?

A: A SIA would not necessarily prohibit a nursing home from a CMP project to benefit residents. One of the deciding factors that the CMP review committee would need to consider is whether the nursing home has improved the provision of care, treatment and services of residents, or whether noncompliance continues and involuntary termination is imminent. Of concern is whether the nursing home truly has the resources to devote to a CMP project. Generally when a SIA is implemented, there are systemic changes that need to occur rather quickly.

Q: Does being a Special Focus Facility affect CMP grant approval?

A: Per CMS, "Special Focus Facility (SFF) designation does not prohibit a facility from being approved for State Use of CMP Funds."

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Q: What is the process to become a vendor with Mississippi's Accountability System for Government Information and Collaboration (MAGIC)?

A:

1. Mississippi Suppliers/Vendors
(<http://www.dfa.ms.gov/dfa-offices/mmrs/mississippi-suppliers-vendors/>)
2. From there, visit the "Supplier (Vendor) Self-Service" page for valuable information.
3. Click on [State of Mississippi Supplier Registration](#) to register.
4. Please remember to submit a completed W-9 for verification to complete the registration process to the accountspayable@medicaid.ms.gov or by mail to the contact information listed below:
 - Department of Finance and Administration
P. O. Box 1060
Jackson, MS 39215-1060
 - Department of Finance and Administration
501 North West Street - Suite 701-B
Jackson, MS 39201
 - Phone: 601-359-3538, Fax: 601-359-5525, or ofmmagic@dfa.ms.gov
5. If you would like to receive payments electronically from the State of MS please visit www.bankofamerica.com/paymode/mississippi or call [1-866-252-7366](tel:1-866-252-7366) to enroll in PayMode.