



## **HHS Announces Adjustments To Federal Matching Shares Rates For Medicaid, Foster Care & Adoption Assistance Rates**

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The Department of Health & Human Services today (August 26, 2010) announced the adjusted Federal Medical Assistance Percentage Rates (FMAP rates) that will apply for purposes of determining Federal Matching Shares for Medicaid and Title IV-E Foster Care, and Adoption Assistance and Guardianship Assistance Programs for the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2010 under adjustments made in response to Section 5001 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-5).

The FMAP is used to determine the amount of Federal matching for specified State expenditures for assistance payments under programs under Social Security Act (the Act) Sections 1905(b) and 1101(a)(8)(B).

In response to the economic downturn, Section 5001 of the ARRA provided for temporary increases in the FMAP rates to provide fiscal relief to States and to protect and maintain State Medicaid and certain other assistance programs in during an ARRA-designated recession adjustment period that runs from October 1, 2008 to December 31, 2010. The CMS notice published sets forth adjusted FMAP rate for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2010 under this provision. These listed adjusted percentages apply to the third quarter of FY10, which ran from April 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010. The rate adjustments set forth in the notice do not take into account changes, if any, that might be required as a result of Public Law 111-226, which the notice indicates will be addressed in future FMAP notices.

To review the rates and for details about how they were determined, see [here](#)

### **For More Information or Assistance**

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