

# CMS SOTA Calls

## **“SOTA Call Updates”**

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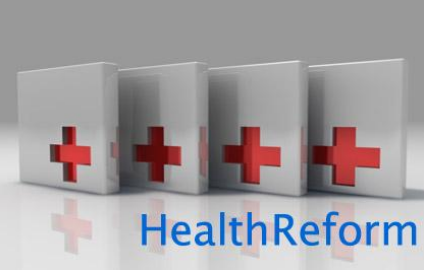
## 3-20-2013 SOTA Call Questions

- When will a Section 2 pre-print, with all required changes to Medicaid eligibility, be available? Do you have a draft so that we can get started on it?
  
- When should we expect model coordinated notices, as promised 1/22/2013 NPRM?
  
- 42 CFR §435.956(e) requires states to accept self-attestation of pregnancy unless the State has information that is not reasonably compatible with such attestation. What sort of rules is the FFE applying to trigger a rejection of the self-attestation on the grounds it is not reasonably compatible?



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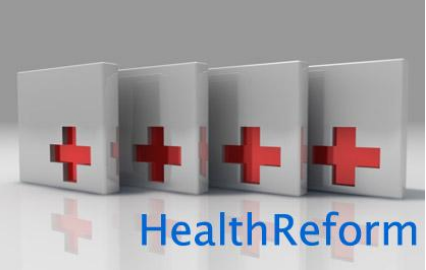
- The FFE plans to accept self-attestation as to household size as long as it is reasonably compatible with information provided on the application or in the records of the Exchange. What sort of information could be on the application or in records that would trigger rejection of the self-attestation by the FFE?



# All States SOTA Call-Medically Needy

## What is Medically Needy?

- The medically needy pathway provides states the option to extend Medicaid eligibility to individuals with high medical expenses who are over income for Medicaid.
- By subtracting incurred health care expenses from their income, individuals are permitted to “spend down” to Medicaid eligibility.
- The Medically Needy Income Level for the District of Columbia is \$613.94.
- The medically needy pathway applies to children, pregnant women, parents and Aged, Blind and Disabled Groups.



## All States SOTA Call: Medically Needy

- ❑ Effective 1/1/2014 states are required to use MAGI methodology to determine Medicaid eligibility for Parents, Children, Pregnant Women, and Childless Adults.
- ❑ For the purpose of determining medically needy eligibility for children, pregnant women and parents, states may determine countable income based on MAGI methodology minus counting children's income or deeming siblings' income.
- ❑ Helps to streamline the process and will not require income to be determined using a completely different methodology.



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