

## Cycle IV, NCE, Quarter 2 Report

<b>Report Date</b>	April 30, 2017
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Organization Information	
<b>State</b>	Oregon
<b>Project Title</b>	Grant #1 PRPPR140076-01-00 Grants to States to Support Health Insurance Rate Review and Increase Transparency in the Pricing of Medical Services, Cycle IV
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Cycle IV Grant Information	
<b>Date Grant Awarded</b>	9/19/2014
<b>Amount Granted</b>	\$1,179,000
<b>Project Year</b>	10/01/2016-09/30/2017
<b>Phase (Phase I or Phase II)</b>	Phase IV
<b>Project Reporting Period</b>	1/1/2017-3/31/2017

## Introduction

The Cycle I (CI) and Cycle II (CII) grants supported Oregon's efforts to implement major state health rate reform and enhance the quality and transparency of the rate review process in concert with the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA). State reforms, effective in April 2010, significantly strengthened the rate review statute and established an enhanced rate review process.<sup>1</sup>

The Cycle III (CIII) grant supported Oregon's efforts to expand its rate review activities while also allowing Oregon to increase transparency in health care pricing data.

The Cycle IV (CIV) grant supported Oregon's continued work on CI, CII, and CIII enhancements and initiatives to adopt several of CMS' rate review best practices. Major CIV activities and goals include:

- i. Working with contract examiners to use our market conduct authority to confirm rates are implemented as filed.
- ii. Continuing to contract with a consumer advocacy organization to improve consumer participation in the rate review process.
- iii. Continuing to contract with the Oregon Health Care Quality Corporation to provide services related to collecting health care pricing and quality performance data.

In this report, the remaining CIV goals under the no-cost extension are noted separately in the *Program Implementation Status* table, as are expenditures for CIV in the updated budget. However, the narrative describes CIV ongoing activities.

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<sup>1</sup> Oregon's 2009 health insurance rate review reforms: added a public comment period; required more detail about insurer administrative expenses; allowed DCBS to consider insurance company's cost containment and quality improvements; gave DCBS the ability to consider an insurer's overall profitability, investment earnings and surplus in determining whether to approve a rate request. For more discussion, see Cycle I, Quarter 2 (CI, Q2) report to Health and Human Services.

**Program Implementation Status**  
As of April 1, 2017

<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Milestones &amp; Progress</b>	<b>Challenges, Responses &amp; Variations</b>
<p><b>1. <u>Grant Evaluation</u></b> <b>CIV</b> Perform a self-evaluation of the activities and impact of Oregon's grant funded work in CIV.</p>	<p>DCBS is in the process of defining methods of measurement to evaluate activities from CIV.</p> <p>90% completed.</p>	
<p><b>2. <u>Increase Transparency in Health Care Pricing</u></b> <b>CIV</b> Enhance existing Data Center.</p>	<p>Q Corp submitted its final deliverables in Q4.</p> <p>90% completed.</p>	<p>Q Corps final reports were delivered in Q4. DCBS is in the process of reviewing the reports and determining how best to proceed.</p>

## **Collaborative Efforts**

### *Grant Program Evaluation*

#### *CIV*

DCBS is in the process of creating an evaluation plan for CIV. The expectation will be to build off of the plan created for CIII with focus shifting to CIV activities.

### *Increase Transparency in Health Care Pricing*

Work on health care pricing transparency continued in earnest in Q2. As a result of delays discussed in previous reports, DCBS applied for, and received a no cost extension to continue this work under CIV. Q Corp delivered the final cost and quality reports during Q1. DCBS is in the process of reviewing the reports and evaluating how best to use them going forward. We are on track to finalize a decision on these reports soon.

## Budget & Expenditures To-Date

<b>HIPR Budget &amp; Expenditure Report</b> Section B--All Grant Activity Report Cycle IV, NCE, Quarter 2 Report		
	REGION: X STATE: OREGON NUMBER: 1 PRPPR140076-01-00  BEGINNING DATE: 1/1/2017  ENDING DATE: 3/31/2017	
OBJECT CLASS CATEGORIES	BUDGETED	EXPENSES YEAR TO DATE
a. Personnel	377,132	276,315
b. Fringe Benefits	119,751	131,334
c. Travel	3,180	0
d. Equipment	1,560	0
e. Supplies	9,120	1,471
f. Contractual	593,257	489,433
g. Construction		0
h. Other	19,000	
i. Total Direct Charges	1,123,000	898,553
j. Indirect Charges	56,000	0
<b>k. Totals (sum of i-j)</b>	<b>1,179,000</b>	<b>898,553</b>

## Quarterly Report Summary Statistics

- Total Funds Expended to date, NCE: CIV \$903,623
- Total Staff Hired (new this quarter and hired to date with grant funds): New 0 To-date 6
- Total Contracts in Place (new this quarter and established to date): 0/3
- Introduced Legislation: No
- Enhanced IT for Rate Review: Yes
- Submitted Rate Filing Data to HHS: Yes
- Enhanced Consumer Protections: Yes
  - Consumer-Friendly Website: Yes
  - Rate Filings on Website: Yes

## Data Center Activities

- Total Staff Hired for Data Center (new this quarter and hired to date with grant funds): 0/1
- Total Contracts in Place for Data Center (new this quarter and established to date): 0/2
- Enhanced IT for Data Center: No
- Gained access to new or more comprehensive data sets: No
- Enhanced availability of pricing data to the public: No
- Provided new pricing data on website: No
- Created new report cards or applications that allow consumers to quickly and easily access pricing data: No
- Integrated pricing data with other health care data sets: No
- Tested new website applications and reports with consumers and/or through usability testing: No