

On Friday, CMS released proposed regulations for the Basic Health Program. Comments are due November 25, 2013 (at least it's not the Monday **after** Thanksgiving!). States could implement BHP programs on or after Jan. 1, 2015.

This rule proposes:

- the procedures for certification of a state-submitted Basic Health Program Blueprint, and standards for state administration of the Basic Health Program consistent with that Blueprint;
- eligibility and enrollment requirements for standard health plan coverage offered through the Basic Health Program;
- the benefits covered by such standard health plans as well as requirements of the plans;
- federal funding of certified state Basic Health Programs;
- the purposes for which states can use such federal funding;
- the parameters for enrollee financial participation; and
- federal oversight of Basic Health Program funds.

The proposed rule can be found online on the Federal Register's website [here](#) . We expect it will be published in the Federal Register on Wednesday.

CMS' informational bulletin on the regulation is [here](#) . And the HHS press release is [here](#) .

