

## 2009 Call for Proposals

### Application Deadline

April 10, 2009



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

# Medicaid Leadership Institute

### Purpose

The *Medicaid Leadership Institute* is a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation managed by the Center for Health Care Strategies. The program provides a unique opportunity for current Medicaid directors to participate in a 12-month leadership development program designed to cultivate the skills they need to transform their state Medicaid programs into national models for high-quality, cost-effective care and coverage expansions.

### Eligibility Criteria

- Only one applicant from each state will be considered per year.
- All applicants must obtain a letter of support for their participation from their Governor.
- Priority will be given to applicants who have been in their current position at least nine months.
- Participants will be expected to attend three, three-day meetings over the course of the 12-month program, and to commit additional time for self study and site visits.

### Selection Criteria

Applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Strong commitment to public service and the improvement of public programs.
- Clear vision of Medicaid's role in promoting high-quality, cost-effective care.
- Clear articulation of goals for their Medicaid agency.
- Clear delineation of individual goals for improving leadership skills.
- Readiness to contribute data and analytics to emerging national research and evaluation opportunities.

### Total Awards

Up to five individuals will be selected to participate in the initial year of the program.

### How to Apply

Applications to this program must be submitted through the RWJF Grantmaking Online system at <http://grantmaking.rwjf.org/MedicaidLeadershipInstitute>.

Completion of the online application will require the following attachments:

1. Resume or curriculum vitae.
2. Two letters of reference addressing the selection criteria described above.
3. A personal statement (2-page maximum) addressing:
  - a. Personal and organizational goals for participation in the program;
  - b. Personal vision for improving the Medicaid program and the role of Medicaid in the context of broader health care reform; and
  - c. Plans for ongoing use of leadership skills post participation in the program.

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### Key Dates and Deadlines

- **March 10, 2009 (2 p.m. ET)**  
Informational Web conference call. Details can be found on the program's Web site. Registration is required.
- **April 10, 2009 (3 p.m. ET)**  
Deadline for receipt of applications submitted online.
- **June 15, 2009**  
Notification of acceptance.
- **July 1, 2009**  
Program launch.

### Inquiries

For information on the program, eligibility criteria and the application process please contact the national program office:

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E-mail: [info@medicaidleaders.org](mailto:info@medicaidleaders.org)

[www.medicaidleaders.org](http://www.medicaidleaders.org)

We encourage all applicants to read the complete details about the program found in the call for proposals brochure at [www.rwjf.org/cfp/mli](http://www.rwjf.org/cfp/mli).

For more information about funding opportunities from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation visit Grant Applications at [www.rwjf.org](http://www.rwjf.org).

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4. A brief (2-page maximum) description of two to three strategic issues for a practicum.
5. A letter from the Governor containing the following:
  - a. An assessment of the applicant's qualifications for the program; and
  - b. A statement of willingness to allow the applicant flexibility to meet the program time requirements.

Complete details on the application process and program information are available on the program's Web site.

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