

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Maryland Awards

On February 17, 2009, President Barack Obama signed the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* (ARRA). ARRA is an economic stimulus bill that allocates \$787 billion in funding for science, engineering research and infrastructure, education, social sciences, and the arts. Title XIII, Division A of ARRA comprises the provisions of the *Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act* (HITECH). HITECH represents a historic investment in health information technology to improve the quality of health care delivery and patient care. The programs funded under HITECH are intended to work in combination to provide the necessary technical assistance for providers to become meaningful users of EHRs, coordinate the state’s efforts with regard to the electronic exchange of health information, and provide the needed training and education to increase the health IT workforce. Below is a list of funding awarded in Maryland under these initiatives.

2010/2011 ARRA Funding Received

<i>PROJECT</i>	<i>FUNDING AMOUNT</i>	<i>AWARDEE</i>	<i>PURPOSE</i>
State HIE Cooperative Agreement Grant Program	\$9.3M	<i>Maryland Health Care Commission</i>	Build capacity for exchanging health information across the health care system
HIT Extension Program: Regional Centers Cooperative Agreement Program	\$6.4M	<i>Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients</i>	A regional extension center established in Maryland for EHR adoption assistance to physicians
Program of Assistance for University-Based Training	\$3.7M	<i>Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine</i>	Offer training programs for highly specialized health IT roles
Expand Health IT Capacity	\$2.9M	<i>Community Health Integrated Partnership, Inc.</i>	Expand EHR technology in Federally Qualified Health Centers
Curriculum Development Centers Program	\$1.8M	<i>Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing</i>	Development of graduate level programs for health IT
HIE Challenge Program	\$1.6M	<i>Maryland Health Care Commission</i>	Supplemental funding to the State Cooperative Agreement Grant to improve long term and post-acute care transitions
HIT Planning-Advanced Planning Document	\$1.3M	Maryland Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid)	An award from CMS for state planning activities to implement the EHR incentive
Community College Consortia Program	\$634K	<i>Baltimore County Community College</i>	Create non-degree health IT training programs with completion in six months or less
TOTAL	\$27.6M		

Note: This table does not include the \$10 million in startup funding awarded in August 2009 to the state designated health information exchange, the Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP), through Maryland’s unique hospital all-payor rate setting system. The combined funding to date for health IT in Maryland is \$37.6M.