

DOH Releases Directions for VAP Applications

DOH issued an email directly to nursing homes and Certified Home Health Agencies (CHHAs) yesterday announcing the application process for \$61.6 million in Vital Access Provider (VAP) and Safety Net Rate funding. For member convenience, the text of the email and attached application outline are posted on our website.

The due date for submitting the application is **Oct. 17, 2012**.

The “mini-application” is in the form of an outline. Once DOH has received the mini-applications, those selected will be expected to develop a full proposal.

This funding is designed to provide temporary Medicaid rate adjustments to providers that are deemed “vital access providers” and may be adversely affected by closure, merger, acquisition, consolidation and restructuring of neighboring providers or their own facility.

For additional background on this initiative that may assist in submitting an application, please refer to page 41 of the Medicaid Redesign Team publication [Achieving the Triple Aim](#).

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