

Kansas Senior Medicare Patrol Project Grant 2024-2028 FAQs

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Award Information

What does “as soon as possible” mean as the subgrantees’ internal budget deadline may not align with the timeframe? The budget cycle runs June 1 through May 31 each year. All awards will be made contingent upon the availability of federal funds through the Administration for Community Living Center for Innovation and Partnership.

Which census was used to determine the total Medicare beneficiary population in each territory? Medicare population is determined by CMS and available through partnership with ACL.

How will the subgrantees be compensated for a substantial amount of monthly meetings, training and certification, uploading materials, attending the annual Coordinator Conference, creating and maintaining partnerships, surveying participants, performing volunteer recruitment and management, and reporting? Compensation will be allocated annually based on the availability of federal funding. Applicants are required to include a budget in their proposal. Annually, subgrantees will submit budgets once allocations are made available.

Terms of the Grant

When the award is issued, would it be prudent for the Grant Agreement terms and conditions from the program announcement be written into the Agreement instead of “incorporated by reference”? This feedback will be taken into consideration.

Eligibility Information

What is meant by “excellent performance in administering the SMP program in prior years”? Is a scorecard used to ensure a standardized definition of “excellent performance”? A likert scale is used to assess subgrantee performance.

Services to be Provided

KDADS Responsibilities

Under KDADS responsibilities #6, “training resources and assistance with training of team members” are listed. Is there “upon request” or a training schedule to avoid losing volunteer applicants? Formal team member training and certification will be available monthly January through September each year. KDADS does not currently host trainings during Medicare Open Enrollment Period, which runs October through December annually. Additional trainings may be made available if necessary.

Subgrantee Responsibilities

Under Subgrantee Responsibilities #8 the SMP’s VRPM policy link is broken. This has been corrected.

What is the expectation for the group outreach presentations per month and per county if you apply for multiple counties? The number of group education and education events per service area should be determined by the awarding agency with a specific emphasis on those with greatest need. Applicants must describe a comprehensive plan to achieve service area-wide SMP coverage. Service area coverage means the applicant must have the capacity to provide SMP services, including group education and one-on-one assistance, in each county within the service area. The true value of the program and primary focus of SMP subgrantee work is on education, prevention and teaching beneficiaries how to protect themselves and avoid fraud in the first place.

Do you have a job description or level of skills needed for Complex Interaction Specialist? Complex Interaction Specialists will be trained to understand the difference between Medicare errors, fraud and abuse; how to enter interactions into STARS; and when/where to make a referral. CI Specialists will perform the following tasks:

- Assist beneficiaries, their families and caregivers with how to detect, protect and report errors, fraud and abuse
- Determine whether an interaction is considered basic or complex in nature
- Enter, find and edit complex interaction data in STARS
- Collaborate with others entering SMP-related contacts into STARS to ensure complex interactions are being entered timely and accurately
- Collaborate with the state SMP Program Coordinator on complex interaction referrals

Additional Questions

Will there be additional targets/goals such as you have for SHICK and MIPPA? Number of contacts, demographics, etc. There will be a statewide effort to meet the needs of Medicare beneficiaries and increase awareness of the SMP program and services. Annual statewide performance goals will be included in agreements. Subgrantees should make all reasonable efforts to meet or exceed performance goals specified in the agreement.