

Insure Montana Purchasing Pool		Agency/Program #: 3401-03-13
		Division: Insurance Division
		Program: Insure Montana
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Program or Project Description:

Insure Montana is the Small Business Health Insurance Program passed during the 2005 Legislative Session. The program has two primary components: to provide refundable tax credits to small businesses that are currently providing group health insurance to their employees, and to provide premium assistance and incentive payments through our purchasing pool or a qualified association plan to previously uninsured businesses.

Fund Name:	Appropriation, Expenditure and Source				Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of April 15, 2008
	2008		2009		
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund	0	0	0	0	
State Special	6,557,006	5,125,505	6,562,840	0	
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	
Total:	\$6,557,006	\$5,125,505	\$6,562,840	\$0	

Legislative Goal(s):

Maintain a purchasing pool through which small businesses can more competitively bid for health care coverage, reduce the number of uninsured Montanans working for small businesses.

Legislative Performance Measures:

Issue a RFP in FY 2008 to allow 1-3 carriers to participate in administering purchasing pool program with contract in place by November 1, 2008.

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:

		Completion Dates	
		Target	Actual
1	Evaluate participant needs and wants for health coverage using CHAT (Choosing Health Plans All Together), including applicants who declined coverage in the process.	3/15/2008	Early April 2008
2	Initiate an RFP process with the goal of having 2-3 carriers available in the pool of a compelling reason not to, with the contract in place 11/01/08 for a 1/1/09 effective date.	1/1/2009	
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Agency Performance Report:

An RFP Subcommittee has been formed and has begun working on the RFP. It is anticipated to be posted June 1, 2008 and a contract in place by September 30, 2008.

Milestone #1

CHAT sessions were completed the beginning of April 2008. Final analysis of the results will be completed by August 2008 and presented at the Board meeting on 08/12/08. A verbal analysis will be presented to the Board's subcommittee on 05/07/08 who will meet to develop the upcoming RFP to be effective January 1, 2009.

Milestone #2

The RFP subcommittee met on 03/18/2008 and 04/07/2008. A carrier question and answer session was held on 04/21/2008. The carrier meeting revealed that it would be very difficult to have a multi-carrier contract. The RFP subcommittee has a meeting scheduled for 05/14/2008 to write the RFP. It is anticipated that the RFP will be posted by 06/01/2008 but no later than 06/15/2008 and will meet the deadline to have a new contract effective 01/01/2009.

LFD Narrative:

LFD ASSESSMENT: On-Track

DATA RELEVANCE: The information reported in the Agency Performance section relates to the legislative goals and performance measures.

APPROPRIATION STATUS: Appropriation and expenditure data were provided, it should be noted the expenditures for this goal and legislative goal to have 5,000 previously uninsured Montanans covered through the premium assistance portion of Insure Montana are the same expenditures. The program has 2 goals it is reporting on at this time.

COMMENTS/ISSUES: The workgroup may wish to dismiss this goal from further review as it appears to be on track.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Dismiss from further review
- 2) Review again in October 2008
- 3) Request additional information
- 4) Upgrade or downgrade the rating

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