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CHEYENNE – The Center for Medicare/Medicaid Services (CMS) notified the Wyoming Department of Insurance this week that the Department will receive a \$275,558.40 grant from the State Flexibility to Stabilize the Market program. In its grant application, Wyoming proposed to study the effects of repealing the individual mandate, the new federal rules regarding short-term limited duration plans (STLDs), association health plans (AHPs), and Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements (MEWAs) on Wyoming's health insurance marketplace.

The Wyoming Department of Insurance under Insurance Commissioner Tom Glause applied for the grant to conduct a thorough analysis of Wyoming's health insurance market and the impact of these recent federal actions on the state insurance markets. Under the grant, the Department of Insurance will work with an actuarial consulting firm to analyze insurance data to help determine ways in which the health insurance market could be stabilized. This study will include analysis of enrollment and claims data as well as health plan benefit design, insurers' policies and procedures, and actuarial projections of future costs and impacts.

Commissioner Glause commented, "I am pleased that CMS supports the states through this grant so individual states can review their health insurance markets and determine the impacts of recent federal changes. Hopefully this study will provide the Insurance Department with data to support and to develop improvements. This grant will fund the research needed to accomplish those goals." Glause added, "This grant may help determine changes that are needed to improve insurance coverage for Wyomingites. This grant will help us evaluate steps we can take as a state to make health insurance more available and affordable to our citizens."