



## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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### Pre-Existing Insurance Plan Update – Week of December 19, 2011

#### STATE-OPERATED PLANS

##### California

#### ***MRMIB receives \$118 million in unused funds, but may still need to cap PCIP enrollment***

The Chairman of the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB) announced this week that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has allocated \$118 million in unused federal funds for other PCIPs to help California continue to add new PCIP members in 2012.

MRMIB officials had sought \$500 million in emergency relief, which it insisted was needed to avoid having to cap enrollment at 6,900 members (see PCIP Update for Week of December 5<sup>th</sup>). California leads the nation in PCIP enrollment with over 5,300 members. However, because average claims cost per member are far exceeding estimates, California could not add more than 6,900 members without using all of the \$761 million in federal funding allocated by the Affordable Care Act (ACA).