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## **California's Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan Receives Additional Federal Funding for 2012 Operations** **Means More Californians Can Obtain Coverage**

SACRAMENTO, CA – State officials operating the federally funded Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan in California announced that an additional \$118 million in funds will be allocated with which to serve existing and new subscribers for 2012.

“We are continuing to move forward with our statewide outreach efforts to enroll every Californian who wants and needs this program,” said Cliff Allenby, Chairman of the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board. “We are still in business and this is good news.”

At last month's Board meeting, MRMIB executive director Janette Casillas presented estimates to the Board that the average monthly subscriber claims costs could limit the number of PCIP subscribers to 6,800 through the end of 2013, without additional federal funding. Per member per month costs were more than three times that originally estimated by actuaries when California's PCIP was in the planning stages.

“With this additional funding, we will not need to limit or stop enrolling Californians with preexisting conditions into this important program,” Casillas said. In addition to the increase in funding for 2012, from slightly more than \$229 million up to \$347 million, the federal government is allowing MRMIB to roll over unused federal PCIP funds from 2011 to further boost its funding for Californians with high-risk conditions who have been unable to obtain affordable insurance on the individual commercial market due to their health status.

The Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board is an independent agency with the California Health and Human Services agency that operates four public insurance programs: PCIP, the Major Risk Medical Insurance Program, the Healthy Families Program and the Access for Infants and Mothers Program.

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