



Response to questions raised by Board related to Certification of Exemption from the Individual Mandate Topic

What percentage of people will likely fall into the exemption categories? What percentage of people will likely apply for exemptions?

At this point in time, accurate data around the number of individuals potentially exempt from the individual mandate does not exist. CMS' Office of the Actuary identifies as many as 16% of the non-aged population may be eligible for exemption. In Colorado, this could be up to 725,000 people. We anticipate that a very small percentage of that number will actually apply for exemption. Given that much of the verification will be dependent on federal systems or be highly paper intensive, the staff continues to recommend that we use the Federal Service for at least the initial years of operation.

What decisions are other states making around this topic?

HHS announced the option for states to select the Federal service to handle certification of exemptions from the individual mandate several weeks ago and no states have identified their intent at this time.

How much will it cost to use the federal service?

Costs of using the federal service are anticipated to be published in the fall.