



GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Pre-Existing Insurance Plan Update – Week of October 24, 2011

STATE-OPERATED PLANS

California

MRMIB claims that PCIP has enrolled for more than 5,000 residents in first year

The Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB) announced that California's pre-existing condition insurance plan (PCIP) surpassed 5,000 enrollees this week on the first anniversary of the program.

Enrollment numbers released by MRMIB have consistently run far higher than those reported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which identified only 3,368 enrollees as of August 31st (see PCIP Update for Week of October 17th). If MRMIB figures are accurate, California would be the first state to pass 4,000 enrollees (much less 5,000).

The MRMIB Director attributed the 18 percent average premium cut effective October 1st to the spurt in enrollment. He had reported enrollment of 3,532 as recently as late July (see PCIP Update for Week of August 1st).

Despite the enrollment growth, California's PCIP is still running well behind initial projections of 25,000 enrollees.