

**North Dakota Insurance Department  
Project abstract**

The North Dakota Insurance Department (Department) anticipates using grant funds from the State Planning and Establishment Grants for the Affordable Care Act's Exchanges to analyze the design, operation and resource needs related to the establishment of an Exchange for the citizens of North Dakota.

**Goals include:**

- Estimating the potential design and operational details of the Exchange and to contemplate the potential cost of the Exchange after 2015
- Estimating the potential design and cost of the technical infrastructure required for a fully-functional Exchange
- Ensuring the Department suggests appropriate statutory and regulatory changes to the North Dakota Legislative Assembly in the 2011 session and educates North Dakotans about those changes
- Determining staff need to be re-positioned or hired for Exchange planning related positions, and quickly setting up office space and acquiring the necessary resources
- Maintaining a high level of knowledge in its staff regarding health insurance Exchanges; gathering input from North Dakotans about the Exchange design; networking with other state officials to monitor national activities and attending when possible meetings and educational events related to Exchange planning

**Total budget**

Design and structure	\$750,000
Regulatory impact	\$200,000
<u>Implementation</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
Total	\$1,000,000