



Notable Opportunities

- The Maryland Health Benefit Exchange (HIX) released an RFP for [independent verification and validation \(IV&V\)](#) services for the state's HIX. After a failed state-based exchange, Maryland is now transferring the Deloitte solution used by the state of Connecticut. The IV&V opportunity focuses on the transfer effort. Proposals are due by May 16.
- The Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development released an RFP for [maintenance and support of its unemployment insurance online system](#). Proposals are due by May 23.
- The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services awarded a contract to Scientific Technologies Corporation on April 23 for an [immunization information system](#).

Analyst's Take

An uptick in procurements will likely continue until the end of the fiscal year, which is June for many states. As election season heats up in the coming months, we are looking for heightened polarization of rhetoric by candidates and officeholders alike. Nowhere will this polarization be more evident than in discussions regarding the future of health insurance exchanges, Medicaid expansion, and the success of the ACA. Though debate will heat up, it is unlikely that any major policy changes will occur until after the November midterm elections.

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