



Colorado Covering Kids and Families

August 2009

CKF Coalition Update

Upcoming CKF Meetings

The next **CKF Agency Partners Work Group** meeting will be **Friday, August 28, 2009 from 9-10:30am** at CCHN, 600 Grant Street, Suite 800 in Denver. A reminder and agenda will be emailed to the Work Group prior to the meeting. Please contact Christy Trimmer, CKF Field Coordinator for more information at christy@cchn.org.

The **CKF Health Policy Work Group** will meet on **Thursday, August 20, from 9-10am** at CCHN, 600 Grant Street, Suite 800 in Denver. A reminder and agenda will be emailed to Work Group members prior to the meeting. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Brittney Petersen, CKF Policy Analyst for more information at brittney@cchn.org. Thank you to those who completed our survey! We will talk about results at our August meeting.

The next quarterly **CKF Coalition Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, September 9 from 10am - noon**. The location is to be determined. For more information, contact Stacey Moody, CKF Project Director at stacey@cchn.org.

New Resources

CKF developed a brief fact sheet about “*The Maze*” report’s recommendation to add an affidavit to verify identity for children under 16 to Colorado’s joint application and future online application. Several states incorporate an affidavit directly on their application for assistance. Click here to learn more about this recommendation, states that already use this strategy, and sample language. CKF continues to advocate for this and other recommendations from the report.

Please be sure to check our website (www.cchn.org/ckf/) for the 2009 CKF meeting calendar.

Outreach and Enrollment Update

CORRECTION: The **new HCPF outreach email address** is outreach@hcpf.state.co.us. The outreach email address given in the July CKF Coalition update was incorrect. Email this address to make training requests or invite HCPF outreach staff or speakers to your events. Using this email address, as opposed to emailing individual HCPF staffers, enables the Department to track issues and direct your question to the appropriate person.

FREE KidzBlitz Enrollment Fair Resource Manuals Now Available! KidzBlitz has put together a 40-page booklet that is a "how-to" guide for the KidzBlitz model of the enrollment fair. There are 250 hard copies available. Email Larissa Ortiz at larissaortiz@ccmu.org to request a free copy! The manuals are also available online at <http://ccmu.org/programs.asp>.

Changes to CBMS Client Correspondence: In an effort to reduce the State budget for FY09-10, as ordered by Governor Ritter, the following changes to Client Correspondence within CBMS have



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been approved by both the Colorado Department of Human Services and the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.

The **New Baby Letter will no longer be generated by CBMS**. Instead, it will be replaced by adding the following wording to the Family Medicaid (FM) Notice of Action (NOA), FM RRR/Approval NOA and FM Eligibility Management Systems Approval (pregnant) NOA:

Attention: If you are pregnant and approved for benefits when the baby is born, your baby will automatically be eligible for benefits for one year. Please keep the following information handy and call your worker as soon as possible when your child is born. Your worker will need the following information to add your new baby to your case:

Your name

Your state ID or Social Security Number

Your child's full name as you listed on the birth certificate

The date your child was born

These changes will be effective on 08/01/2009. The State expects to approve additional changes to Client Correspondence to comply with current and future State budget mandates. Any additional changes will be conveyed through future CBMS Communications. **Please remind your families to report the birth of a child to enroll their newborns into Medicaid and CHP+!**

New Spanish Language Resources Available: The Department of Health & Human Services' Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has launched new Spanish-language resources.

These resources include: a new monthly online health advice column, *Consejos de Salud Para Tí* (Health Advice for You); more than 35 consumer guides on health care quality, surgery, health conditions and diseases; 30- and 60-second audio spots on health issues such as comparisons of oral medicines for type 2 diabetes and of pain medicines for osteoarthritis; and "Superheroes," a national public service campaign developed in partnership with the Advertising Council to encourage Hispanics to become more involved in their health care.

To access AHRQ's Spanish-language Web page, please go to [here](#). For more information about AHRQ's Spanish-language resources and outreach, contact Bob.Isquith@ahrq.hhs.gov.

Health Policy Update

The Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA) Update: On June 12, 2009, the Medical Services Board **permanently adopted** a revised rule regarding two CHIPRA citizenship documentation requirements:

1. Newborns whose birth was paid for by Medicaid no longer need to prove their citizenship after one year of eligibility ends.
2. States must accept certain tribal documents to establish citizenship.

The revised rule includes a clause that retroactively rescinds denials for both situations if specific



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criteria are met. The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) is currently drafting an agency letter describing the rule and procedure changes to send to counties and other partners. HCPF estimated mid-August as the release date of an agency letter. The program rules have been updated online to reflect the revised rule. Please visit section [8.100.3H](#) in the Colorado Code of Regulations, Medical Assistance Eligibility section to read the revised rules.

Federal Health Reform

Four out of five committees took action on health care reform prior to the start of the August recess. The remaining committee, Senate Finance, has yet to release legislation. The commonalities across current bills include strong affordability options, employer and individual mandates, and a start date of 2013. On September 8, when both chambers reconvene – the House will work to bring a blended bill to the floor and the Senate Finance Committee will continue to draft a bipartisan bill. For summaries about each Committee's draft legislation or proposal, visit [Georgetown Center for Children and Families](#). For additional information on health care reform, visit [Colorado Children's Campaign](#).

Events

National Survey for Patient Navigators: The American Cancer Society and Institute for Alternative Futures – Disparities Reducing Activities (DRA) Project have joined forces with academic partners at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Denver Health and the Colorado Patient Navigator Training Collaborative to better inform the public at large and the healthcare field about the important work navigators accomplish to help ease the burden on individuals and communities interfacing with the healthcare system. We are looking for patient navigators from all over the United States who work with patients with any type of health condition to complete a national patient navigator survey to better understand what types of activities patient navigators do in their work as well as learn about the types of patient navigator programs that exist around the country. [CLICK HERE](#) to go to the National Patient Navigator Survey Website. Please forward this information onto to your networks and other patient navigator programs in your area.

Jobs

Colorado Community Health Network (CCHN) is hiring a **Director of Finance**, a **Special Projects Assistant** and a **Clinical Programs Manager**. For more information and the job postings, please go to http://www.cchn.org/job_opportunities.php.