



Colorado Covering Kids and Families

Covering Kids and Families (CKF) Quarterly Coalition Meeting Notes January 2012

Coalition Update – Brittney Petersen, CKF

CKF asked the coalition to approve the project's revised [bylaws](#). The changes stem from a conversation the CKF Advisory Committee had about the need for co-chairs. The Advisory Committee recommended removing the co-chair positions since those roles are no longer used. The coalition approved the revised bylaws and the project will no longer have two co-chairs on the Advisory Committee.

New Data on Colorado's Uninsured from the Colorado Health Access Survey – Jeff Bontrager, Colorado Health Institute

Highlights from Jeff's [presentation](#) are below:

- It is important to remember that all figures are estimates. We don't know how many uninsured kids there are in Colorado but can use surveys to estimate.
 - Keep in mind that there are multiple sources of data on the uninsured, each with strengths and weaknesses.
- The Colorado Health Access Survey (CHAS) found that:
 - The number of uninsured is growing (and fewer Coloradans receive employer-based insurance)
 - Various populations (region, race/ethnicity, etc.) are disproportionately impacted
 - The underinsured are growing as well
 - Fewer Coloradans have a "usual source of care"
- The number of individuals who do not know how to get health insurance grew from 13.8% in 2009 to 17.3% in 2011.

Click [here](#) to read the CHAS issue brief. The distribution of the uninsured by Federal Poverty Level can be found on page 5.

HCPF Updates – Rachel Reiter, Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF)

- HCPF will be running two bills this session. One will impact providers and seeks to simplify the contracting process. The other bill seeks to consolidate the administration of long-term care (LTC) services. This bill would move LTC from the Department of Human Services to HCPF with the goal of making the program more person-centered and community-oriented. Contact Carrie Cortiglio at carrie.cortiglio@state.co.us for more specific information.
- HCPF is currently monitoring round three of the Maximizing Outreach, Retention, and Enrollment (MORE) grants. At this time, there are no plans for a round four MORE grant.
- In late January and early February, HCPF will be conducting regional meetings throughout the state. Each meeting will be approximately two hours and include an overview of the Medicaid expansions to adults without dependent children and the Medicaid buy-in for working adults with disabilities, as well as the [Colorado Program Eligibility and Application Kit \(PEAK\)](#). Click [here](#) for more information and [here](#) to register. HCPF will hold regional conferences in spring/summer 2012.

- HCPF is working on placing PEAK kiosks in public libraries across the state.
- Colorado received a \$26 million CHIPRA performance bonus because the state met enrollment targets by implementing 5 out of the 8 program features aimed at improving the enrollment process. The remaining 3 program features are express lane eligibility, auto renewal, and continuous eligibility. The state could also receive a supplemental payment in the coming months.
 - HCPF planned and budgeted for this bonus so it is not additional funds.
- HCPF submitted an [advanced planning document](#) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a CBMS rebuild. The next phase is to work on the implementation advanced planning document. Contact Antoinette Taranto at antoinette.taranto@state.co.us for more information.
- A coalition member asked Rachel how the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) interface will interact with the Social Security Administration (SSA) interface and what the implementation date will be. Rachel did not know the answer but here is more information from the Jan. 13 Medical Services Board (MSB) meeting.
 - MSB approved the [rule](#) allowing CBMS to interface with the DMV to verify the identity of Medicaid applicants.
 - The rule will be implemented Feb. 26. The DMV interface should only take a couple of seconds for verification, versus the SSA interface which takes a couple of days.
 - Marivel Guadarrama, HCPF, did not know exactly how the DMV interface would interact with the SSA interface. Stay tuned to CKF for more information on what happens if the SSA interface reports a different result than the DMV interface.

CKF Quarterly Enrollment Report

Kristen Pieper presented CKF's [2011 Quarter Three Enrollment Report](#).

- Enrollment of children in Medicaid and CHP+ increased in quarter three due to the launch of PEAK phase II and the third round of MORE grants being awarded.
- The Income Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) and SSA interfaces were major changes implemented in the third quarter and could impact enrollment numbers throughout the fourth quarter.
- CKF is working with advocacy partners to figure out how to best message the growing Medicaid caseload, since it sounds like it will be a hot button issue this legislative session.

Other Updates

CKF will be sending out the annual member survey the week of Jan. 16.