



## Colorado Covering Kids and Families

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### **CKF Coalition Update**

The next **CKF Quarterly Coalition** meeting will be held on **Jan. 11, 2012, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.** at Rose Community Foundation (600 S. Cherry St., Ste. 1200, Denver).

The next **CKF Agency Partners Work Group** meeting will be held on **Jan. 27, 2012, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.** at CCHN (600 Grant St., Ste. 800, Denver).

The next **CKF Health Policy Work Group** meeting will be held on **Feb. 16, 2012, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.** at CCHN (600 Grant St., Ste. 800, Denver).

For more information about CKF's meetings, coalition, or work groups, contact Kristen Pieper at [kristen@cchn.org](mailto:kristen@cchn.org).

Check the CKF website at [www.cchn.org/ckf](http://www.cchn.org/ckf) for the [2012 CKF meeting calendar](#).

### **Outreach and Enrollment Update**

#### **HCPF to Provide Trainings for Medicaid Expansions Around the State**

In late January and early February, the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) will be conducting 25-30 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). These expansions are expected to be implemented March 1, 2012. HCPF will also offer WebEx trainings for those who cannot attend a regional meeting. Stay tuned for specific dates, locations, and registration information.

#### **Income Verification Letter to Clients Has Been Revised**

Based on the feedback and suggestions from community partners and eligibility sites, HCPF modified the Income Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) letter that clients receive when there is a discrepancy between income reported on the application and what's on file with the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment. This updated letter provides additional information and clarification for our clients. The [English](#) and [Spanish](#) versions of the letter can be found on HCPF's website at [www.colorado.gov/hcpf](http://www.colorado.gov/hcpf) (click on Partners & Researchers > County and Medical Assistance Site > Training and Reference Documents > Income and Resource Eligibility).

The Spanish notice will not automatically be sent through the Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS) until a future date. Until this notice is sent by CBMS automatically, the Spanish IEVS letter has been posted to HCPF's website and can be printed off and provided to Spanish-speaking clients who may have questions.



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The updated IEVS letter is part of a short-term solution to help mitigate the increased workload that occurred. The long-term solution of suppressing the IEVS notice for all clients who do not lose or have a change in eligibility is being worked on. Requirements for the change were submitted earlier this month and HCPF is waiting for it to be scheduled.

The IEVS Wage Interface ran successfully the week of Dec. 1 with a mild increase in records as compared to the prior months. The updated English IEVS Wage Notice was sent automatically to these clients.

#### **New CBMS Enhancements to be Implemented Dec. 18**

On Dec. 18, the following projects will be implemented in CBMS:

- *HRSA Express Lane Repository*
- *Redetermination Not Being Set Correctly:* This change request will fix an issue in which some cases were not being assigned an RRR (redetermination). This was causing some clients to not receive a timely RRR.
- *Additions and Modifications to Court Reports*
- *Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) Annual Enrollment Fee Increase*
- *PEAK Static Reports on Website*
- *Limit Eligibility Determination and Benefit Calculation (EDBC) Running Back:* This will create a general run back time limit not to exceed 12 months prior to the current month. This change will improve offline and nightly batch processing (meaning a system performance improvement), reduce client correspondence costs, and decrease processing times, among other benefits. There will be a manual and automatic process for eligibility workers which will allow the dates of the EDBC run period to be adjusted if necessary.
- *PEAK Zip Code Enhancement:* With this change, applications will be submitted to the correct county, eliminating the need for additional county transfers. County selection will be determined and validated based on the address and zip code entered on the application by the applicant. Based on the zip code and address validation at the beginning of the application, the HMO provider selection drop down will only show those providers in the applicants county and the applicant will see the county office or Medical Assistance site that the application has been sent to on the thank you page after submission.



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### Health Policy Update

#### Colorado Health Benefits Exchange Update

The Colorado Health Benefits Exchange (COBHE) has been busy the past few months! COBHE has a new website ([www.getcoveredco.org](http://www.getcoveredco.org)) that has information about board, subcommittee, and work group meetings and resources, including a frequently asked questions document and quick facts about health coverage.

The board named Patty Fontneau as the Executive Director and her first day was Dec. 12. Ms. Fontneau's [bio](#) is available online.

Both the board and Legislative Review Committee approved a revised grant application for \$18 million to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to support the ongoing implementation of Colorado's health benefits exchange. COBHE plans to submit the [grant](#) by Dec. 31, 2011.

#### CHP+ Cost Sharing Rule Increases Enrollment Fees Jan. 1, 2012

The Medical Services Board passed a [rule](#) at the November meeting which increases the annual enrollment fee for children in families between 205 and 250 percent of the Federal Poverty Level to \$75 for one child and \$105 for two or more children. This change is effective Jan. 1, 2012. Click [here](#) for more information.

### Resources

#### New Article on the ACC Available

HCPF released a new article, [Accountable Care Collaborative: Colorado's Answer to Integrated Delivery System Reform](#), which provides a clear overview of the Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC).

#### Health Affairs Article Examines What PPACA Means for Kids

A new *Health Affairs* article, [Improving Coverage for Children Under Health Reform Will Require Maintaining Current Eligibility Standards for Medicaid and CHIP](#), examines what the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) means for kids. PPACA has the potential to significantly cut the number of uninsured parents and kids. However, if the requirement that states continue their Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage is rescinded and if Congress does not continue funding CHIP, the number of uninsured children could increase drastically.

To read the Georgetown University Center for Children and Families' blog post about this article, click [here](#).



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### **Events**

#### **Save the Date: CCHI's Health Care Day of Action**

Mark your calendars and save the date for the Colorado Consumer Health Initiative's (CCHI) annual Health Care Day of Action on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2012.

### **Jobs**

#### **Boulder County Hiring Housing Division Director**

Boulder County is hiring a Housing Division Director. The application closing date is **Dec. 22, 2011, at 11:59 p.m.** Click [here](#) for more information.