



## Colorado Covering Kids and Families

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### **CKF Coalition Update**

The next **CKF Health Policy Work Group** meeting is **Feb. 17, 2011, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.** at CCHN (600 Grant St., Ste. 800, Denver).

The next **CKF Agency Partners Work Group** meeting is **Feb. 25, 2011, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.** at CCHN (600 Grant St., Ste. 800, Denver).

The next **CKF Quarterly Coalition** meeting is **April 13, 2011, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.** at Rose Community Foundation (600 S. Cherry St., Ste. 1200, 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 [2011 CKF meeting calendar](#).

### **Outreach and Enrollment Update**

#### **CHP+ Backlog Update**

Due to previous Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS) performance issues, continued outreach efforts, increased application volume, the current economy, and new vendor transition, there was a backlog of new applications and renewals for Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) members from Sept. to Oct. 15, 2010. The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing's (HCPF) four temporary state staff completed processing the 2,779 renewals on Jan. 28, 2011. There are an estimated 1,600 new applications received between Sept. and Oct. 15 that will be processed by the same temporary state staff. The estimated date for completing these new applications is by the end of March. Clients impacted by this backlog, and determined eligible, will not experience a lapse in coverage. Coverage will be retrospective to the original application date. Communication informing providers that these client/applicants should not have a lapse in coverage has been sent out along with the process of emergent situations.

If you have any questions on this process, you may contact Rebecca Schreiber, Eligibility and Enrollment Contract Manager, at [Rebecca.Schreiber@state.co.us](mailto:Rebecca.Schreiber@state.co.us) or (303) 866-3877.

To check on the status of an application or eligibility status, you have two options:

1. With a state ID number or phone number and a date of birth, you and your clients can obtain personal case information—application and eligibility status—through the Interactive Voice Recognition system without having to speak with a customer service representative. Here are the steps to follow:



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Dial 800-359-1991

Select a language

*Public Service Announcement:*

Press 1 to listen to the Public Service Announcement

Press 2 to skip the Public Service Announcement

*Options:*

Press 1 - General information/FAQ

**Press 2 - Obtain Personal client information**

Press 3 - To find a provider

Please listen to the steps in order to hear the details of the case.

2. Sign up to use the secured web portal, Movelt:  
Send an e-mail to [eamapsupport@MAXIMUS.com](mailto:eamapsupport@MAXIMUS.com) and request access to Movelt. Please include the names of the people who need access to Movelt, their e-mail addresses, and the type of organization you are (e.g. certified application assistance site, presumptive eligibility site).

If there are clients with emergent medical situations, you may contact the toll-free Liaison Line at 877-311-4540 in order to expedite the family's application. Please note that this toll-free Liaison Line is **only** for professionals and clients will need to contact customer service at 800-359-1991. If you receive no response from the liaison line you may contact Jeff Gaskill, Communications Manager, at [JeffreyRGaskill@maximus.com](mailto:JeffreyRGaskill@maximus.com) or (303) 217-4213.

### **New Grant Opportunity to Support Outreach and Enrollment of Children in Medicaid and CHP+**

To mark the second anniversary of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services released a funding opportunity for \$40 million in grants to support outreach and enrollment of children who are eligible for Medicaid or CHP+. The [grant solicitation](#) encourages applicants to focus efforts in one of the following areas:

1. Use technology to streamline/facilitate enrollment and retention;
2. Focus on retention to keep eligible children covered;
3. Engage schools in outreach, enrollment, and retention activities;
4. Focus on targeted groups with high rates of gaps in coverage, such as Latinos, Native Americans, and other groups; or
5. Ensure teens have and keep coverage.

Grant applications are due **April 18, 2011**, and awards will be announced in July 2011. The two-year grant period will begin August 1, 2011, and awards will range from \$200,000 to \$2,500,000. A technical assistance call will be held on Feb. 15, 2011 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. MT. For more information, please see the [Insure Kids Now website](#). The grant solicitation can be found at <http://www.grants.gov> under CFDA 93.767.



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### **2011 Federal Poverty Guidelines Released**

The Department of Health and Human Services has released an update of the federal poverty guidelines to account for last calendar year's increase in prices as measured by the Consumer Price Index. These guidelines set the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Please continue to use the 2010 federal poverty guidelines until HCPF releases an agency letter with an effective date for the 2011 guidelines. The 2010 FPL for a family of four is \$22,050.

### **New Process for Ordering Medicaid and CHP+ Applications and Outreach Materials**

Click [here](#) for up-to-date instructions on how to order Medicaid and CHP+ applications and outreach materials.

### **MORE Round Two Grantees Announced**

HCPF announced on Jan. 27, 2011, that \$421,000 was awarded to ten statewide community organizations through the Maximizing Outreach, Retention, and Enrollment (MORE) grant program to educate families about public health insurance, to inform and aid children and families in their community with health coverage options, and to assist current clients with re-enrollment. Click [here](#) for more information and to see a list of round one and two awardees.

### **Roll Out of Colorado PEAK Phase II**

CKF is pleased to share the State's plan for an incremental launch for Phase II of [Colorado PEAK](#) (Program Eligibility and Application Kit). Colorado PEAK is a website designed to provide clients and community partners with an easy-to-use tool to apply for and manage public assistance benefits. Phase II of Colorado PEAK will allow clients to apply for food, medical (Family Medicaid and CHP+), and cash assistance programs as well as report changes to their case. Beginning Feb. 20, phase II of Colorado PEAK will be available for county training. Starting March 7, 2011, select counties and their designated community-based organizations (CBOs) will work together to serve clients applying via PEAK at CBO offices through the state web portal. These county-CBO partners will take part in training on a gradual basis through the end of April to ensure that all parties are ready to assist clients with and process online applications. Phase II will be available online to all counties and CBOs statewide beginning in late April 2011. If you are interested in participating in the initial launch or in being trained once PEAK is available statewide later this spring, please contact [PEAKOutreach@bouldercounty.org](mailto:PEAKOutreach@bouldercounty.org).

### **MAXIMUS Newsletter Available**

HCPF and MAXIMUS have released their 2011 quarter one newsletter. Click [here](#) to access it.



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### Health Policy Update

#### 2011 Colorado Legislation to Know About

CKF is monitoring four bills this legislative session that have the potential to impact CBOs, public programs, and clients:

- House Bill (HB) 11-1019 would exempt school-based clinics from collecting copays. Representative Daniel Kagan and Senator Betty Boyd are the sponsors.
- HB11-1025 would repeal the Health Care Affordability Act of 2009 (HB09-1293) which established the hospital provider fee. Representative Janak Joshi and Senator Kevin Lundberg are the sponsors.
- Senate Bill (SB) 11-008 would eliminate the “stairstep” eligibility in Medicaid and align children’s eligibility to 133 percent FPL. Senator Betty Boyd and Representative Cheri Gerou are the sponsors.
- SB11-128 would require health insurance carriers that participate in the individual market to offer child-only plans on a guaranteed-issue basis. The bill would also establish two specified enrollment periods for child-only plan coverage. Senator Linda Newell and Representative Beth McCann are the sponsors.

For more information, visit the Colorado General Assembly [website](#).

#### What the Florida Court Decision Means for Health Care Reform

On Jan. 31, a federal judge in Florida ruled the individual mandate in the federal health care reform law, the Affordable Care Act (ACA), is unconstitutional. He also ruled that the mandate is so integral to the law that it renders the entire ACA unconstitutional. Since the ruling applies to the federal government, legal experts have urged states to continue implementing health reform. Most states, including Colorado, are moving forward with implementing the law. Coloradans are already seeing benefits from provisions of the law now being implemented, including the ability for families to keep their children on their health plans until age 26 and get health coverage for children with pre-existing conditions.

This ruling will be appealed and the case will work its way up to the U.S. Supreme Court. Thus far, two federal courts have upheld the ACA and two have found it unconstitutional. For more information on what this court ruling means, please see the [Georgetown Center for Children and Families’](#) or the [National Health Law Program’s](#) analyses of the Florida court ruling.

### Resources

#### 2010 CHIPRA Annual Report

To mark the second anniversary of CHIPRA, Insure Kids Now released “[Connecting Kids to Coverage: Continuing the Progress](#)” which highlights state, federal, and



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community efforts to enroll all eligible children in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

#### **Interagency Data-Sharing Brief Available**

The Hilltop Institute released a brief, [Overcoming Interagency Data-Sharing Barriers: Lessons from the Maryland Kids First Act](#), which discusses Maryland's tax-based outreach program and the barriers and solutions to interagency data-sharing.

#### **Events**

##### **Aurora Health Access Community Meeting Scheduled**

Aurora Health Access will be holding a community meeting on **Feb. 16, 2011**, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Therese Parish Hall (13<sup>th</sup> and Kenton, Aurora). The meeting will include an update on their first year of organizing to improve access to health in Aurora, community testimonies, and opportunities to get involved. Click [here](#) for more information or contact Joe Campe at [joe.campe@ccmu.org](mailto:joe.campe@ccmu.org).

##### **American Diabetes Association Expo Coming Up!**

Fit 4 Colorado is hosting the American Diabetes Association Expo on **March 5, 2011**, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Colorado Convention Center. Admission is free and free blood pressure, blood glucose, and cholesterol screenings are available. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

The Colorado Consumer Health Initiative (CCHI) is hosting its annual Health Care Day of Action on **March 23, 2011**, at the Colorado State Capitol. Click [here](#) for more information.

##### **Grant Writing Training Available**

Denver Regional Council of Governments and Grant Writing USA will be holding a grant writing class **March 31-April 1, 2011**, in Denver. Beginning and experienced grant writers from city, county, and state agencies, as well as nonprofits, K-12, colleges, and universities are encouraged to attend. Tuition is \$425 per person. Click [here](#) for more information.

##### **Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference**

The first ever Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference will be held **April 15-16, 2011**. The event, a collaboration of the Denver Preschool Program, the Early Childhood Education Association of Colorado, the Colorado Head Start Association, and the Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children, will be held at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver and will feature approximately 200 presenters, including keynote speakers Geoffrey Canada and Dr. Jerlean Daniel. Click [here](#) for more information.



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### **Save the Date: CASBHC Annual Conference**

The Colorado Association for School-Based Health Care's (CASBHC) annual conference, *Sustaining Momentum to Grow School-Based Health Care*, will be held **May 5-6, 2011**, in Denver at the Holiday Inn Select (455 S. Colorado Blvd.). Click [here](#) for more information or contact Melissa Field, Director of Policy and Communication, at (303) 399-6380, ext. 103.

### **Save the Date: 2011 HCPF Regional Conferences**

The 2011 HCPF Regional Conferences have been scheduled. These conferences will cover a range of topics related to outreach and policy. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **Jobs**

### **Conifer Health Solutions Employment Opportunities**

Conifer Health Solutions is hiring a Patient Advocate to screen hospital patients for eligibility for public and non-government programs. For the job description, please click [here](#) and select Colorado in the location box.

### **CCMCN Employment Opportunities**

The Colorado Community Managed Care Network (CCMCN) is hiring a [Business Intelligence Developer](#) and a [NextGen Help Desk Analyst](#).

### **Doctors Care Employment Opportunity**

Doctors Care is hiring a [Patient Care Coordinator](#) to provide patient support and health navigation to patients.

### **Parenting Place Employment Opportunity**

The Parenting Place is hiring a [MORE Outreach Coordinator](#) to work with targeted populations in Boulder County that are eligible for Medicaid or CHP+.