



Colorado Covering Kids and Families

July 2009

## CKF Coalition Update

### Healthy Communities Outreach Plan Presented at CKF Coalition Meeting

At the **June 2009 CKF Coalition meeting**, the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing presented their new state outreach plan called “**Healthy Communities**”. The mission of Healthy Communities is to promote family-centered, community based, culturally competent systems of care for Medicaid and CHP+ families and children. Healthy Communities is scheduled to be implemented on September 1, 2009. To learn more about Healthy Communities, please see the Department’s PowerPoint presentation presented to the CKF Coalition found [here](#). If you have any marketing or outreach questions, please contact Carol Rieder at [carol.rieder@state.co.us](mailto:carol.rieder@state.co.us).

### Upcoming CKF Meetings

The next **CKF Agency Partners Work Group** meeting will be **Friday, July 24, 2009 from 9-10:30am** at our office at 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 ([christy@cchn.org](mailto:christy@cchn.org)).

The **CKF Health Policy Work Group** will meet on **Thursday, August 20, from 9-10am** at CCHN. 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](mailto:brittney@cchn.org).

### New Quarterly Enrollment Report

CKF posted a new report, “[First Quarter 2009 Colorado Medicaid & CHP+ Enrollment](#),” on our web site. The purpose of this brief report is to illustrate enrollment changes in Colorado’s Medicaid and Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) programs and if appropriate, identify corresponding legislation, rule changes, and other factors that may have contributed to an increase or decrease. This first report provides a brief snapshot of 2008 and describes first quarter enrollment of 2009. Stay tuned for our Second Quarter Report!

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

## Outreach and Enrollment Update

**CHIP Outreach and Enrollment grants from HHS:** The Department of Health and Human Services released a request for proposals (RFP) for CHIP outreach and enrollment grants. The RFP can be found by clicking [here](#). The Colorado Health Foundation convened a meeting of parties interested in applying for the grants on Wednesday, July 15. The purpose of the meeting was to gauge interest in the grant and to see if people are interested in collaborating. The group identified two areas for potential collaboration: systems change projects (such as developing an online application outreach toolkit, a case management tracking tool, revising and testing notices from CBMS, a project to align HIPAA and FERPA, developing a bank for lessons learned and best practices and testing a revised application) and outreach projects (such as a school-based free and



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reduced lunch program alignment or regional collaborations). If you are interested in participating in a collaborative grant submission in one of these two project areas, please contact Beverly Dent at [BDent@ColoradoHealth.org](mailto:BDent@ColoradoHealth.org). Deadline for the grant proposal is August 6.

Interested in receiving **FREE news coverage** for your **outreach events** targeted to the **Spanish-speaking population**? Univision, one of Colorado's Spanish-language television stations, can cover outreach events or provide pre-event publicity in the Denver-metro area. If interested, contact Yammi Villvicencio, Univision Assignment Editor, at [yvillvicencio@entravision.com](mailto:yvillvicencio@entravision.com) or 303-318-6236. You can also post your outreach event on the Community Calendar on Univision's website or on the website for the health-oriented *novela* (soap opera), *Encrucijada*. For more information on posting your events online, please contact Anne Smith from Evolve Communications at 303-349-7650 or [anne@evolvecomm.net](mailto:anne@evolvecomm.net).

**Questions about PE, Medicaid eligibility or how to request outreach support** now that the Regional Outreach Coordinators are gone? The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) now has email addresses where you can direct your questions about presumptive eligibility or policies and rules regarding Medicaid eligibility. There is also a new outreach email address where you can make training requests or invite outreach staff or speakers to your events. Using these email addresses, as opposed to emailing individual HCPF staffers, enables the Department to track issues that arise and direct your question to the appropriate person. The new email addresses are:

Presumptive Eligibility: [Pe.eligibility@hcpf.state.co.us](mailto:Pe.eligibility@hcpf.state.co.us)

Medicaid Eligibility: [Medicaid.Eligibility@hcpf.state.co.us](mailto:Medicaid.Eligibility@hcpf.state.co.us)

Outreach: [HCPFoutreach@state.co.us](mailto:HCPFoutreach@state.co.us)

### 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 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. CKF will share more information, including an estimated release of the agency letter, as soon as it becomes available.

### Colorado Health Care Affordability Act (HB 1293) Update

The 13-person Advisory Board, required by the legislation, was formed and has met several times since the beginning of June. The role of this board is to make recommendations to HCPF and the Medical Services Board about the amount and collection process of the fee, and changes to



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eligibility requirements if monies from the fee are insufficient to cover eligibility expansions. These meetings are open to the public. Information about date/times, agendas, and minutes are available on the [Department's web site](#).

In addition, the Department is hosting public forums/stakeholder meetings to gain community input for new expansion populations included in the bill – childless adults and the Medicaid disabled buy-in program. Consumers, client advocates, health care providers, community-based organizations, state and local government agencies, and others who are interested are invited to attend these public meetings to contribute to discussions about the programs including how the programs can best meet client needs and ways to make connections with other initiatives. More information is available [online](#).

#### Federal Health Reform

Federal Health Reform is continuing to move at a quick pace in an effort to pass legislation before the August recess. The Senate Finance Committee, Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee, and U.S. House Tri Committee are all either in the process of drafting or revising health care legislation. All three “bills” address common components – Medicaid expansion, employer-sponsored coverage, insurance exchange, and affordability – although they differ in detail. 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 [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#) and [Colorado Children's Campaign](#).

#### Events

Join the **Lt. Governor in Salida for a discussion of current, local initiatives aimed at getting Colorado children outside** on Friday, July 17, 2009 from 11:00AM-2:00PM at the Salida Steam Plant Annex (220 W. Sackett Ave.). [Click here](#) to RSVP. The discussion will include current happenings, idea sharing on creative approaches, and local challenges and opportunities. Additional forums are being held across the State. More information about the tour, including a full list of future forum dates, can be found at <http://www.colorado.gov/ltgovernor>.

#### Jobs

**Family Star Montessori and Early Head Start** has an immediate opening for a **Health and Nutrition Coordinator** in a community-based Early Head Start and preschool program. Interested applicants can contact Sonia Bauduy at [sbauduy@familystar.net](mailto:sbauduy@familystar.net) or go to the Family Star website, [www.familystar.net](http://www.familystar.net).

**The Colorado Trust** is hiring a **Senior Program Officer, Health Policy**. For more information, please go to <http://www.coloradotrust.org/attachments/0000/6204/SPOHealthPolicyPosting.pdf>. The position closes Monday, August 10, 2009, at 5 p.m.

**Colorado Community Health Network (CCHN)** is hiring for a **Policy Analyst**. For more information and the job posting, please go to [http://www.cchn.org/job\\_opportunities.php](http://www.cchn.org/job_opportunities.php).