



Colorado Covering Kids and Families

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CKF Coalition Update

The Maze One Year Later – Just Released!

CKF is excited to announce the release of [*The Maze One Year Later: An Update on the Progress to Create a Direct Path to Enrollment for Colorado's Eligible Children and Families in Medicaid and CHP+*](#). This update provides a snapshot in time of the progress made on the specific recommendations from the original report and offers opportunities for stakeholders to become part of the effort to eliminate the barriers that keep so many of Colorado's kids and families uninsured. The update is an interactive document that allows the reader to hone in on areas of interest by clicking on a specific recommendation. To explore the interactive update, please visit CKF's new web page for all resources related to the *Maze*, including a Coalition [one-pager](#) with ideas to get involved: <http://cchn.org/ckf/maze.php>.

The next **CKF Agency Partners Work Group** meeting is **Friday, July 23, 2010 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.** at CCHN (600 Grant St., Suite 800, Denver 80203). A reminder and agenda will be emailed to the Work Group prior to the meeting. For more information, please contact Christy Trimmer, CKF Community Liaison and Policy Analyst, at christy@cchn.org.

The next **CKF Health Policy Work Group** meeting is **Thursday, August 19 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.** at CCHN (600 Grant St., Suite 800, Denver 80203). For more information, please contact Brittney Petersen, CKF Project Manager, at brittney@cchn.org.

The next **CKF Coalition meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, October 13, 2010**. For more information, please contact Brittney Petersen at brittney@cchn.org.

Visit CKF's [Web site](#) for the [2010 CKF meeting calendar](#).

Outreach and Enrollment Update

New Outreach Model: Healthy Communities

On July 1, 2010, the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) launched Healthy Communities, a new outreach model for clients eligible for and enrolled in Medicaid and Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+). Healthy Communities combines the best aspects of the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Outreach and Administrative Case Management program and the CHP+ outreach program into one program to better meet clients' needs. Click [here](#) for more information on Healthy Communities and [here](#) for a list of Healthy Communities Outreach and Case Management Locations.

YOUR Input Needed! Help Shape 2011 HCPF Regional Outreach Conferences

HCPF has begun planning the regional outreach conferences to be held in 2011. Your input is valuable and needed to ensure that the conferences are helpful and relevant to your work.

Please respond by July 30, 2010 to the survey found [here](#).



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New Application for All Medical Programs Now Available

HCPF has developed a new application for all Medical Assistance Programs. This application has been available as of July 1, 2010. The new Colorado Medical Assistance Application can be used to apply for the following programs:

- Family Medicaid
- CHP+
- Adult Medicaid
- Long-Term Care
- Home and Community-Based Waivers for Adults and Children
- Medicare Savings Program
- Emergency Medicaid

Applications can be downloaded from HCPF's Web site at www.colorado.gov/hcpf. An electronic order form can be used for bulk orders and is available at www.ChpPlus.org. Please continue to use the Single Purpose Application (SPA) for applicants needing both medical assistance and cash or food assistance. County and medical assistance (MA) sites will continue to accept the old application for Family Medical and CHP+ at this time, but the old application will eventually be phased out. If you have any questions, please e-mail Medicaid.Eligibility@hcpf.state.co.us.

Important Update about the Medicaid Parents Expansion

During the implementation of the Medicaid Parent Expansion to 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), HCPF confirmed that it is not a requirement that all household members request Medical Assistance in order for parents to be enrolled into the Medicaid Expansion program.

The Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS) is currently programmed to require all of the household members to apply for benefits. A CBMS change is expected for August 2010—or sooner—that will correct this issue. Until CBMS is fixed, eligible new parent applicants will continue to be denied if not all household members are requesting benefits.

Clients who have been improperly denied or terminated will not show as Medicaid eligible in the Provider Web Portal, however, they should have received a Notice of Action (NOA) Letter, which providers should accept as proof of eligibility.

HCPF will issue a NOA letter to all applicants and clients who have been improperly denied or terminated. HCPF has opened eligibility in the pharmacy portal for all affected clients. HCPF have arranged 7 days per week coverage in the event that a client needs medication outside of normal business hours and the pharmacy portal shows that the client is not eligible for Medicaid. The contact information is below. Please have the pharmacist contact Patricia Garcia at (303) 866-5928 or Patricia.Garcia@state.co.us to verify eligibility.

If an **applicant** receives a denial letter because not all family members have requested assistance:



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- HCPF will issue NOA letter. Please contact Patricia Garcia at (303) 866-5928 or Patricia.Garcia@state.co.us to request a NOA letter.

If a **provider** needs to verify eligibility for a parent that should be covered:

- Please have the provider contact Patricia Garcia at (303) 866-5928 or Patricia.Garcia@state.co.us to verify eligibility. Eligibility workers or clients should contact HCPF if there are any issues with providers accepting the NOA letters.

Subscribe to Receive Monthly HCPF Updates

HCPF publishes a monthly newsletter, *At a Glance*, with department updates. The [June 2010 At a Glance](#) can be found here. To subscribe to this publication electronically, please e-mail Teresa Manocchio at Teresa.Manocchio@state.co.us.

Health Policy Update

Changes to Transitional Medicaid

Currently, Transitional Medicaid provides six months of guaranteed medical coverage to clients who were covered by 1931 Medicaid but now earn income over 100% the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). The 1931 client may receive an additional six months of coverage if they submit quarterly Transitional Benefit Reports (TBR) and their income is at or below 185% FPL. HCPF is simplifying the Transitional Medicaid program, so that 1931 clients will automatically receive medical coverage for 12 months when their earned income is over 100% FPL. This will occur in a two-phased approach:

- Phase One will begin in early July. The Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS) will stop sending TBRs. Do not process TBRs received on or after July 1, 2010. Clients will continue to receive Transitional Medicaid without the TBR.
- Phase Two will begin at a later date. Changes within CBMS will automatically grant 12 months of guaranteed medical coverage for Transitional Medicaid clients. Stay tuned to CKF to announce the begin date of Phase Two.

For questions, please e-mail Medicaid.Eligibility@hcpf.state.co.us.

New Consumer Web Portal to Find Affordable Coverage

On July 1, 2010, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) launched a web portal that provides information about health coverage options for consumers, available at www.healthcare.gov. This web portal has information on health care quality, prevention, the health care reform bill, people's insurance choices by state (including public and private options and high-risk pools), community health centers, and other safety net providers. Consumers are able to tailor information to their location and demographics by entering in their zip code or age (e.g. to get information specific to seniors). Small businesses will also be able to see policies available in small group markets. The scope of the web portal will continue to expand as health care reform is implemented. DHHS is seeking feedback to continually improve the web portal.



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Colorado's High-Risk Pool Now Available

Colorado's high-risk pool, called [GettingUsCovered](#), is now accepting applications for health insurance coverage for those with pre-existing conditions. Created as part of the federal health care reform bill, GettingUsCovered is funded by federal money and member premiums. To be eligible, applicants must be a Colorado resident, be a U.S. citizen or be lawfully present in the U.S., be uninsured for at least 6 months, and have a pre-existing condition. Applicants who do not qualify for this program may be eligible for CoverColorado.

GettingUsCovered will operate until 2014, when insurance companies will no longer be allowed to deny coverage to people with pre-existing conditions. For more information, please visit the [Governor's Health Care Reform](#) website.

Resources

Grant Writing Workshop in Fort Collins

Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grants workshop from **July 26-27, 2010** in Fort Collins. The training is applicable to grant seekers across all disciplines and beginning to experienced grant writers from city, county and state agencies as well as nonprofits, K-12, colleges and universities are encouraged to attend.

Click [here](#) for more information including learning objectives, class location, graduate testimonials, and online registration. Contact Cathy Rittenhouse from Grant Writing USA at (800) 814-8191 or cathy@grantwritingusa.com with questions.

New Online Tool Helps Locate Community Resources

The Colorado state Web site has a new online tool called My Neighborhood. Enter a location in Colorado and find out where schools, libraries, hospitals, fire and police departments, and light rail stations are in and around that location. Click [here](#) to access the My Neighborhood feature.

Events

Community Forums to Help Shape Colorado's Health Insurance Exchange

The Colorado Coalition for the Medically Underserved (CCMU), the Colorado Consumer Health Initiative, and the Health Reform Implementation Board are working together to host a series of community forums to discuss Colorado's options for developing health insurance exchanges under health care reform. The forums will collect input from stakeholders and consumers. The first health exchange forum will be held on **July 23, 2010 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.** in the Molly Blank Conference Center at National Jewish Hospital. Additional community forums will be held in the Denver-metro area and around the state. Click [here](#) for upcoming dates and more information about the community forums and the Health Reform Implementation Board.

Celebrate the Enrollment of 100,000 Kids and Counting with Governor Ritter

Bring your kids and join Governor Ritter and the All Kids Covered Initiative on **July 27, 2010**



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from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. to celebrate “[100,000 Kids and Counting](#),” the Ritter administration’s efforts to enroll 100,000 Colorado kids. Participants will celebrate this milestone and discuss the work that lies ahead to ensure that all Colorado kids have access to health coverage and health care. The event will be held at the Boys and Girls Club of Metro Denver-Owen Branch (3480 W. Kentucky Ave., Denver). Children are encouraged to attend and participate in a 100 yard dash to celebrate this accomplishment.

Poverty Reduction Community Meeting

An event organized by the [Half in Ten](#) campaign will explore real solutions to reduce poverty. The Half in Ten Community Meeting will be held on **August 2, 2010 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** at the Blair-Caldwell Library (2401 Welton St.). Light refreshments will be provided, as well as child care (with an advance request). Click [here](#) for more information. Please RSVP to Bridget Kaminetsky at (303) 628-0925 or bridget@9to5.org.

Colorado Coalition for the Homeless Back-to-School Health Fair

The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (CCH) is hosting a Back-to-School Health Fair. This year’s fair will be held on **August 14, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at CCH’s Stout Street Clinic (2100 Broadway, Denver 80205). The fair includes immunizations, dental, hearing and eye exams, health education, and free school supplies for each child. Contact Renee Shykind at (303) 285-5272 for more information. A flyer for the event is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Jobs

CCLP Development Director Position Open

CCLP is looking for a development director to enhance and diversify the agency’s fund-raising efforts in the areas of individual and organizational donors, grants, major gifts, public relations, and events. Click [here](#) for the job announcement.