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CKF Coalition Update

CKF Staffing Transition

- A note from Stacey Moody- CKF Project Director

Dear CKF Members and Friends-

The time has come for me to move on from my position as the CKF Project Director. It has been an honor to work with you and for the CKF project and coalition. I am inspired by the skills, knowledge, and passion each of you brings to your work and to CKF. I know the future holds even more exciting times and many steps closer to our shared goals. It has been a real pleasure to work with you and for the CKF coalition.

I have accepted a position with the Colorado Association for School-Based Health Care (CASBHC). I decided it was time to spread my wings and move on to new adventures and challenges. I am glad to know that most likely our paths will cross in the future.

-Sincerely,
Stacey Moody

Upcoming CKF Meetings

The **December CKF Quarterly Coalition meeting** has been **cancelled**. Please stay tuned for the 2010 CKF Quarterly Coalition meeting dates.

The next **CKF Agency Partners Work Group** meeting will be **Friday, December 11, 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).

The **CKF Health Policy Work Group** will meet on **Thursday, December 17, 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 (brittney@cchn.org).

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

Outreach and Enrollment Update

Outreach and Enrollment Grant Opportunity for American Indian and Alaska Native Children

The Department of Health and Human Services has announced the availability of up to \$10 million in grants to help reach American Indian and Alaska Native children who qualify for, but are not yet enrolled in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. Grant applications are due January 15, 2010. Information about how to apply can be found by clicking [here](#).

Improved "Add-a-Baby" Process



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Effective November 1, 2009 the Department will be taking all Add-a-Baby requests for processing. Babies born to mothers on Medicaid are guaranteed Medicaid eligibility through their first birthday. The eligibility sites will still be able to add babies to Medicaid upon request; the Department is giving providers, clients and advocates an alternative method to get these babies added within five business days from the request.

Providers, clients and advocates will be able to submit Add-a-Baby requests in three ways:

An email submission can be sent by completing the Add-A-Baby form and emailing it to add-a-baby@hcpf.state.co.us. The email must be encrypted for security purposes. The electronic fill-in form is found [here](#).

A fax can be sent using the standardized form released by the Department to 303-866-4517, Attention: Shawna Moreno.

An online form is available that allows providers or clients to submit information about the babies via the HCPF [website](#).

For more information about adding a newborn to a mother's case, please click here or contact Shawna Moreno at Shawna.Moreno@state.co.us.

School-Based Grant Opportunity from the Colorado Health Foundation

The Colorado Health Foundation seeks to fund two-year grants to **create partnerships** between **school districts** and **county departments of human/social services** or other state-designated medical assistance sites. To apply, please use TCHF's online grant application. The next grant proposal deadline is January 15. Please contact Amy Latham at ALatham@ColoradoHealth.org with questions.

New Information Source on Medicaid Prenatal Services

In an effort to help Colorado's pregnant clients identify all of the resources available to them, the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) has developed a webpage that promotes awareness of free transportation to medical appointments, a provider directory, a 24-hour nurse advice line, smoking cessation and more.

Please help promote awareness of these services by directing pregnant clients to the prenatal services section of the HCPF [webpage](#). This site offers a comprehensive listing of all services available to help promote a healthy pregnancy.

Correction: H1N1 Vaccine Available Free of Charge for Medicaid and CHP+ Clients

The H1N1 vaccine is slowly arriving in Colorado. **Medicaid and CHP+ clients will be able to receive the H1N1 vaccine as it becomes available.** Initial doses are being used to vaccinate priority groups, including health care workers with direct patient contact, pregnant women, and those who care for infants under 6 months. As supplies of the vaccine increase the priority list will be expanded to include all people from 6 months through 24 years of age and people aged 25 through 64 years of age who have underlying health conditions. People not in the priority groups



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will be able to receive the H1N1 vaccine as more supply is made available. Check the Colorado Adult Immunization website (<http://www.immunizecolorado.com/findAFluClinic.asp>) to find a H1N1 vaccine clinic in your area or call your primary care provider to see if the H1N1 vaccine is available.

Updated List of Certified Application and Presumptive Eligibility Sites Available

An updated list of certified application assistance sites and presumptive eligibility sites can be found on the “hot topics” section of the CKF [website](#). This list was updated by HCPF on November 3, 2009.

Screen for Eligibility and Check Benefits Online

Phase 1 of the new online application, **Colorado PEAK** (Program Eligibility and Application Kit) was **rolled out on October 26, 2009** at <http://www.colorado.gov/benefits>. The first phase allows individuals to **screen for potential eligibility** and **check the status of existing benefits** for Food Assistance, Adult Financial, Colorado Works and Medical Assistance Programs. In March 2010, the State will launch Phase 2 which will enable individuals to apply for benefits and report changes to their case. Stay tuned for updates from CKF on upcoming PEAK trainings.

Health Policy Update

Agency Letter on Revised Medicaid Citizenship and Identity Rules Posted

The Department posted an [agency letter](#) that describes revised Medicaid citizenship and identity rules adopted by the Medical Services Board earlier this year. The changes are the result of provisions outlined in the Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA):

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 program rules have been updated online to reflect the revised rule. Please visit section [8.100.3H](#) in the Colorado Code of Regulations, Medical Assistance Eligibility section to read the revised rules.

Federal Health Care Reform Update

Congress continues to work on health reform. The House voted and passed [H.R. 3962: The Affordable Health Care for America Act of 2009](#) on Saturday, November 7, 2009. Key components of the bill are: Medicaid expansion to 150% of the federal poverty level (FPL), creation of a health insurance exchange, an individual and employer mandate, credits to families making up to 400% FPL to help purchase coverage, and expiration of CHIP on December 31, 2013. Most provisions of the bill would be effective beginning in 2013. The Senate Finance Committee continues to negotiate to combine their two bills. For more information, including summaries of the bills and background information about health reform, please visit the [Kaiser Family Foundation](#) and the [Georgetown Center for Children and Families](#).



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Events

WONDERbabies 2nd Annual Stakeholders' Community Forum: Risk, Resiliency, and Resources for Babies Young Children and Families to be held on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 from 8:30am-4pm at the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora. The registration fee is \$30. This Forum is intended for family members, students and professionals who have vested interest in infants and young children with special health care and developmental needs. For more information and to register, please visit: <http://www.jfkpartners.org/Workshops.asp>

Jobs

Inner City Health Center, located in Denver, is hiring a part-time Child Enrollment Specialist. For more information and the job description, please click [here](#).

The **Boys and Girls Club of Metro Denver** is hiring a **Health Care Outreach and Enrollment Coordinator**. For a job description and information on how to apply, please click [here](#).