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## **CKF Coalition Update**

### **Upcoming CKF Meetings**

The next **CKF Agency Partners Work Group** meeting will be **Friday, October 23, 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)).

### **October CKF Coalition Meeting Follow-up**

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the October CKF Quarterly Coalition meeting. A special thank you to those who called in for your patience with our conference call problem. Please find the follow-up items we discussed during the meeting below:

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) presented on the activities included in their new grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) State Health Access Program (SHAP) entitled Colorado's Comprehensive Health Access Modernization Program (CO-CHAMP). To view their presentation, please click [here](#). The Department also presented on the Colorado Program Eligibility and Application Kit (PEAK), the online application, screening and benefit check tool, which will be launched in phases beginning October 26. For more details on PEAK components, outreach activities and the timeline, please click [here](#) to view the Department's presentation.

Julissa Molina Soto, the Associate Director for Latino Outreach at the American Diabetes Association's Por Tu Familia Program updated the coalition on their exciting and innovative health outreach work with the Latino community. Julissa also shared information about her work with the Mexican Consulate through the "Windows to Health" project, including outreach and application assistance for Medicaid and CHP+. Julissa graciously invited anyone interested in learning more about their work to contact her and come see the project. If you are interested, you can reach Julissa at 720- 855-1102 x 7027 or [jsoto@diabetes.org](mailto:jsoto@diabetes.org).

***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**

CKF produced a brief, [Innovative School-based Outreach and Enrollment Tactics for Medicaid and CHP+](#), highlighting the outreach and enrollment work done by three school-based pilot projects. These three pilot sites make it easier for families to enroll their children into Medicaid and CHP+ through schools by sharing necessary information as families apply for free- or reduced-price lunches. The pilot sites are able to determine eligibility for Medicaid and CHP+ on site and have built lasting relationships with the families they serve.



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**Updates on Colorado PEAK:** Phase 1 of the **new online application, Colorado PEAK** (Program Eligibility and Application Kit) will be **rolled out on October 26, 2009** at <http://www.colorado.gov/benefits>. The first phase will allow individuals to screen for eligibility and check on 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.

**Register to Vote on Colorado PEAK:** Citizens across the state will also be able to utilize the Colorado PEAK website ([www.colorado.gov/benefits](http://www.colorado.gov/benefits)) to register to vote. Users and clients with additional suggestions on continued improvement of services available via the Colorado PEAK website are encouraged to email [CBMS.Help@state.co.us](mailto:CBMS.Help@state.co.us).

**Host a State Legislator at Your Health or Enrollment Fair!** Would you like your state legislator to better understand the needs of the population that your organization serves? Invite them to attend your health or enrollment fair! CKF is working with All Kids Covered to link state legislators with health fairs and enrollment events in their districts in an effort to remind legislators of the reality faced by their constituents during this economic downturn. If you are interested in hosting a legislator at your event, please contact Eliza Schultz ([eliza@milesgovtrelations.com](mailto:eliza@milesgovtrelations.com) or 720-732-0217) and she will help you coordinate with your legislator.

**Changes to CBMS Help Desk:** Colorado's budget reductions have resulted in the elimination of the Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS) Help Desk, effective October 1, 2009. The Office of Information Technology/Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) Help Desk, located at 1575 Sherman in Denver, will assume most of the duties previously performed by the CBMS Help Desk, including providing CBMS Help Desk support to HCPF users, Presumptive Eligibility sites, and Medical Assistance sites. Effective October 1, 2009, if users have any CBMS issues, please use the following contact numbers:

- **Telephone:** 303-866-5204 or 1-877-487-4871
- **Fax:** 303-866-5293
- **E-mail:** [PC.Helpdesk@state.co.us](mailto:PC.Helpdesk@state.co.us)
- **After hours:** 303-239-4357 or 1-877-632-2487 for P1 tickets

The hours of the CDHS Help Desk are 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Please note, no password resets are done after hours, including weekends and state holidays.

### **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.



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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 three House committees (House Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, and Education and Labor) are negotiating the different versions of their bills to create a blended bill to bring to the floor. The Senate Finance Committee approved their health care reform bill with a 14-9 vote on Tuesday, October 13. The two Senate Committees have begun the negotiation process to combine their two bills.

Common components – although differing in details – across all bills include expansion of Medicaid to include kids, parents, and childless adults, individual and employer mandates, national or state exchange or cooperatives, and various types of subsidies, and most provisions would be effective in 2013. For more information, including summaries and side-by-side comparisons of the bills, please visit the [Kaiser Family Foundation](#) and the [Georgetown Center for Children and Families](#).

### **Events**

**Family 9HealthFair** to be held October 17 and 18, 2009 from 8:00am to 1:00pm at Dick's Sporting Goods Park in Commerce City. The fair includes over 20 free or low-cost screenings. For more information, go to [www.9healthfair.org](http://www.9healthfair.org) or see the English or Spanish flyers.

**Eighth Annual Culture of Data Conference** to be held on Friday, October 23rd, 2009 at the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities. Register at: [www.coloradohealthinstitute.org/resourceevents/events.aspx](http://www.coloradohealthinstitute.org/resourceevents/events.aspx). Registration for the conference is \$15 and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Please mail checks or money orders to JSI Research and Training, attn: Culture of Data Conference, 1725 Blake Street, Suite 400 Denver, Colorado 80202. You may also bring cash, a check or money order to the conference. Make checks payable to JSI Research and Training.

**WONDERbabies 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

**LiveWell Colorado** is hiring a **Vice President of Marketing and Communications**, a **Vice President of Grants**, and a **Director of Community Outreach**. For more information and the job postings, please go to <http://www.livewellcolorado.org/about-us/work-for-livewell-colorado>.



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The **Colorado Association for School-Based Health Care** is hiring a **Director of Member Services** in Denver. The deadline to submit an application is October 28, 2009. For more information and the job posting, please go to <http://www.casbhc.org/jobs.asp#MemberServices>.