



Colorado Covering Kids and Families

September 3, 2009

## CKF Coalition Update

**CKF Quarterly Coalition Meeting Rescheduled:** The September CKF Coalition meeting has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, October 7, 2009 from 10:00am to noon** at the Young Americans Education Foundation (3550 East First Avenue, Denver). Conference call will be available. We apologize for any inconvenience and hope that you can join us in October for a packed agenda. There will be important updates on the upcoming Colorado PEAK launch (Program Eligibility and Application Kit- the online screening, application and benefit check tool), federal grant updates and information on health care reform. The full agenda will be emailed the first week of October.

## Outreach and Enrollment and Health Policy Update

**211 Advisory Committee Seeking Input on Barriers to Enrollment and Solutions:** The SB 07-211 Advisory Committee on Covering All Children in Colorado is seeking to identify statewide barriers to enrollment and retention in Medicaid and the Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) as well as solutions to address these barriers. The Committee would like the input of community groups and eligibility sites on barriers to enrollment and retention and solutions to these barriers. Your comments will assist the committee in recommending the most appropriate and timely solutions during our annual recommendations to the legislature in November 2009.

The committee developed an initial list of known barriers and solutions based on existing research in Colorado (see [List of Barriers](#) and [List of Solutions](#)). The committee would like comments on the following questions:

1. Are there existing barriers not included on the list?
  2. Are any barriers on the list outdated and no longer issues for families and/or outreach and eligibility sites?
  3. What are the most significant barriers to enrollment in your/your organization's experience?
  4. Are there any solutions to the barriers that are not included on the list?
  5. Are there any solutions you would recommend that the committee prioritize in our recommendations for the next year?
- **Written comments** are due by **Wednesday, September 9, 2009** ([click here](#) for written comment form) and must be submitted to Stacey Moody, 211 Advisory Committee Chair via email at [stacey@cchn.org](mailto:stacey@cchn.org), fax 303 - 861-5315, or mail at 600 Grant Street, Suite 800, Denver, CO 80203.
  - **Verbal comments** are welcome at the 211 Advisory Committee meeting on **Tuesday, September 15, 2009**. The public comment period will be open from **1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**



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The meeting will be held at the Capitol Center, 225 East 16<sup>th</sup> Street, first floor conference room, Denver.

### **Department Receives Federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)**

**Grant:** The Department announced yesterday that it has been awarded \$42 million over the next five years from the HRSA State Health Access Program (SHAP). To support the health coverage expansions implemented in Colorado earlier this year through House Bill 09-1293, the grant funds will be used for health care infrastructure and technology to ensure that the State's current health care system works as well as possible. [Click here](#) for the full press release.

CKF congratulates the Department on this exciting and important grant award. Part of the funding from this grant will be used to support numerous activities to create a more efficient and effective application process for Medicaid and CHP+. CKF will keep you posted as we learn more.

### **Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) H1N1 Home Care Guides:**

CDPHE has issued H1N1 home care guides in English and Spanish. The guides include information on how to prepare your home, how to provide care for people with the flu, and other pandemic flu resources. CDPHE would like to distribute these guides to as many Colorado families as possible. If you would like to be mailed copies of the guide to put in your lobby or to hand out to clients, please contact Ann Nedrow at 303-692-2709 or by email at [ann.nedrow@state.co.us](mailto:ann.nedrow@state.co.us).

**New Address for Disability Applications:** Consultative Examinations, Ltd. (CEL) has changed its mailing address (effective immediately). Please send all disability applications to the new address:

Colorado Medicaid Client Services  
Consultative Examinations, Ltd.  
3278 S Wadsworth Blvd. Suite 1-194  
Denver, CO 80227

## **Events**

**SOS Rally (Save Our State: No More Cuts)** will be held **Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 12:00 noon** on the West Steps of the Colorado Capitol. Join fiscal reformers to fight the budget cuts. [Click here](#) for the flyer.

## **Jobs**

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