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GROWING HEALTHY AND STRONG: ACCESS TO COVERAGE AND CARE

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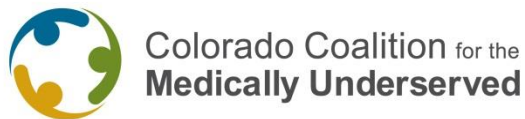
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Today's Presentation

- Who We Are
- The State of Kids Coverage
- Recent Policy Progress
- Overview -- *The Future of Children's Health Coverage in Colorado*

All Kids Covered – Who We Are

- Statewide, non-partisan coalition of more than 40 active organizations and 200 people who track and contribute to the work
- Created in 2006
- Committed to ensuring that all Colorado children have access to affordable, quality health care



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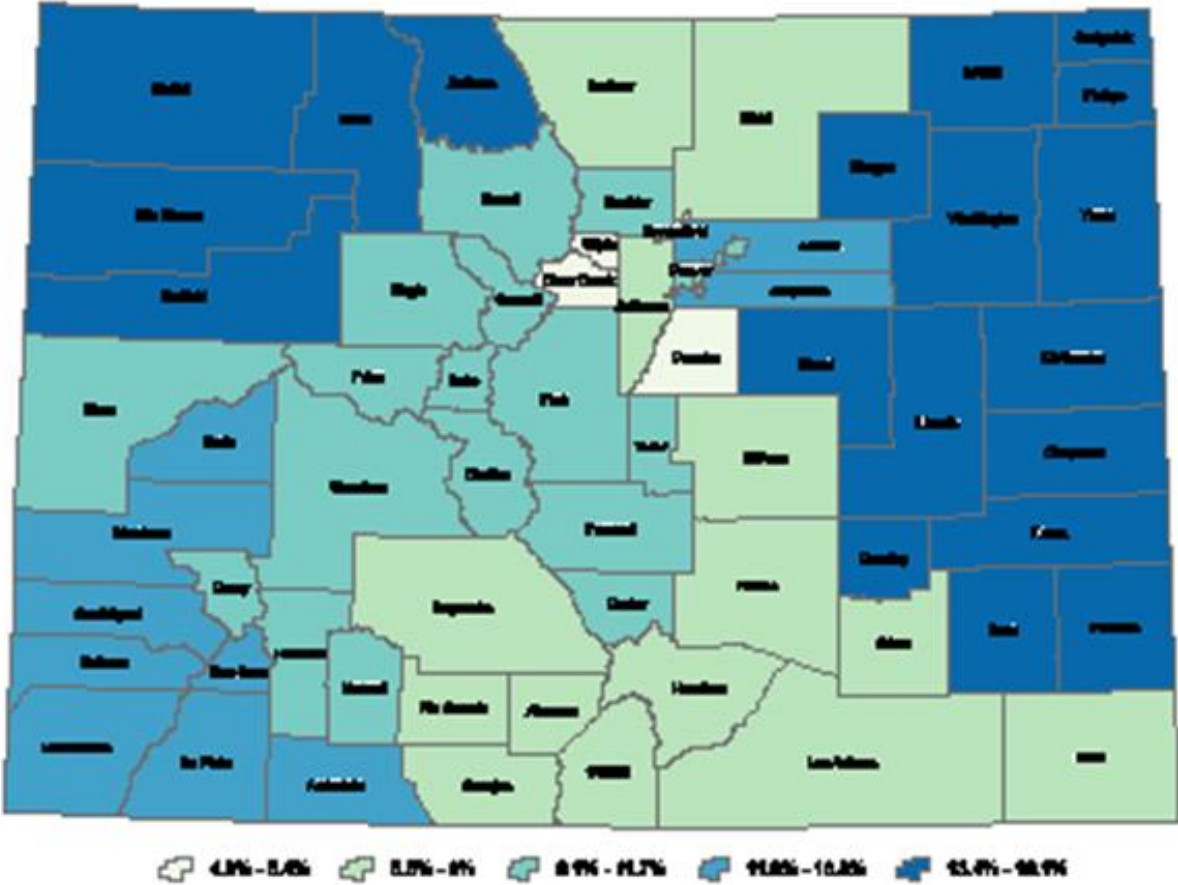
The State of Kids Coverage

- **1,240,948 kids in Colorado in 2012**
 - 224,000, or 18% of Colorado kids, live in poverty
- **About 92% of Colorado kids have health coverage**
 - 52% Employer-sponsored coverage
 - 10% Private coverage (individual coverage, or other type of private, non-sponsored insurance)
 - 23% Public coverage only (CHP+, Medicaid, military coverage, etc.)
 - 8% Both Public & private coverage

The State of Kids Coverage

- **About 100,000, or roughly 8%, of kids in Colorado are uninsured**
 - 94,416 from 2013 Colorado Health Access Survey
 - 108,695 from 2012 American Community Survey
- **This is down from 14% uninsured, on average, between 2004 and 2006.**
- **In 2011, 89,000 of those children were estimated to be eligible but not enrolled in a public coverage program**

Percentage of Uninsured Kids by County



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Public Coverage in Colorado

- **Medicaid**

- Covers financially qualified children and parents with dependent children

- **Children through age 18** in families with income at or below **133% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)**
- **Adults** whose incomes are **at or below 133% of FPL**
- **Pregnant women** whose incomes are **at or below 185% of FPL**

- **CHP+ (Child Health Plan *Plus*)**

- Low-cost public health insurance that covers kids through age 18 from families who make too much to qualify for Medicaid but have incomes **below 250% of FPL**

Health Reform At Work

- **What has health reform meant for kids?**
 - New coverage options through Connect for Health CO
 - Medicaid and CHP+ eligibility expansions
 - No exclusions or denials of health coverage based on preexisting conditions
 - Availability of child-only health insurance products
 - Medical Homes for children & better coordinated care
 - Expanded access to school-based and other safety net health clinics
 - Streamlined administration of & increased efficiency for Medicaid and CHP+

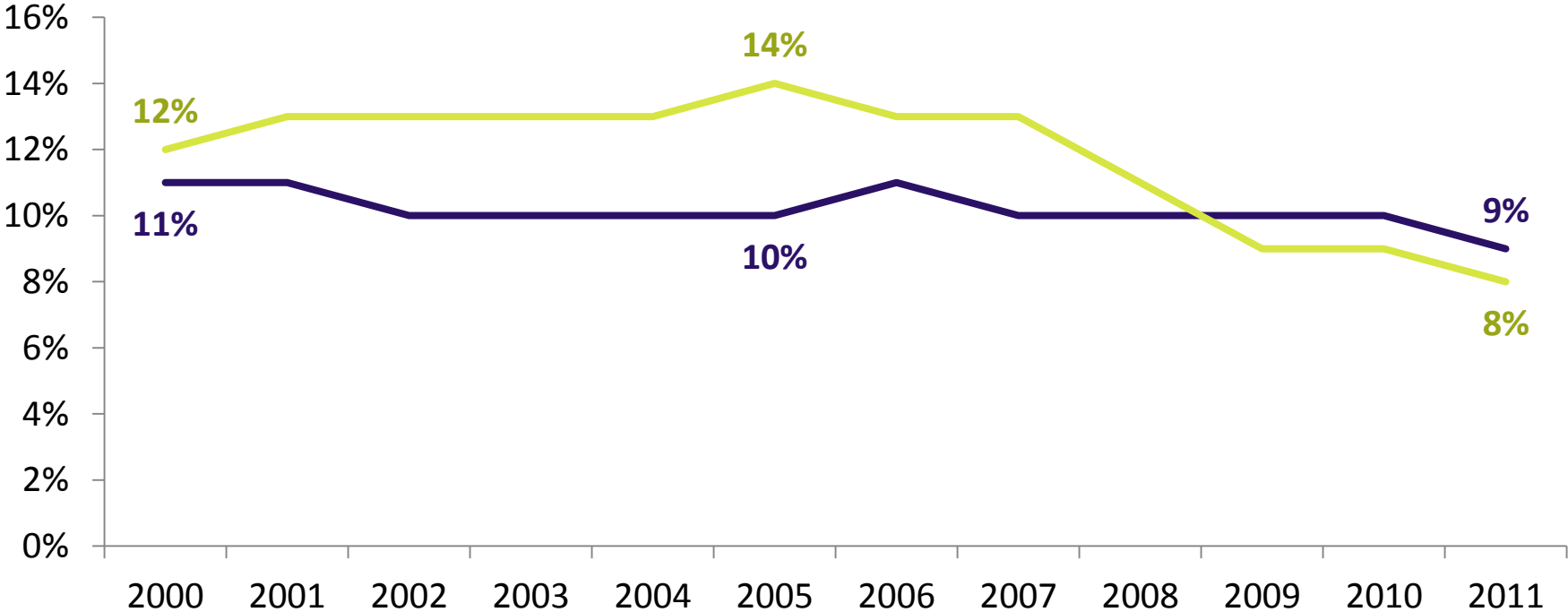
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Policy successes are making a difference!

Children Under 18 Without Health Insurance

— U.S. — Colorado



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Health Reform at Work

- **Colorado has made meaningful progress in expanding coverage for kids**
- **The ACA will greatly benefit kids of Colorado, but expansion shifts focus largely to adults**
- **Ensuring coverage for kids remains a priority – the job is not yet done**
- **While continuing focus on coverage, also must ensure access to appropriate services for kids**

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The Future of Children's Health Coverage in Colorado

- Developed in the summer / fall of 2013 & released in December
- Written by Health Management Associates with input from local, state and national partners
- **Driving question:** How will Colorado protect the gains made in kids' coverage and ensure continued progress toward the shared goal of ensuring all Colorado children have affordable, quality health coverage in the context of broader health reform?

The Future of Children's Health Coverage in Colorado

- **Key Issues**

- Continued attention to children's coverage

- Need for advocates, elected officials, providers to ensure pediatric-specific concerns aren't lost in implementation of massive new law

- The future of CHIP

- CHIP authorized at federal level through 2015 – will Congress extend? If not, what happens to the +/- 70,000 Colorado kids who rely upon it today?

- Complexity of family coverage

- Members of the same family may have different coverage due to differences in age, employment, marital status, immigration status, etc. How do we support families navigating multiple coverage types?

- Movement between coverage types and uninsurance

- How do we minimize “churn” or movement and make sure that transitions between coverage types are smooth for families?

The Future of Children's Health Coverage in Colorado

- **Key Issues (continued)**

- Affordability

- Are new coverage options truly affordable for families?

- Benefits

- Will new plans meet the needs of all children, especially most vulnerable?
- SB 13-1053 – Pediatric Dental Benefit Market Parity

- Coverage for immigrant children

- Some kids are not eligible for Medicaid, CHP+ or subsidized coverage in C4HCO due to immigration status. How do we ensure access to care for these kids?

A Call to Action – How You Can Help

- **See Health Care In Action** - Arrange a site visit to your community's safety net provider.
- **Talk Up Coverage** - Think about town hall meetings or other events in your community as opportunities to talk to your constituents about how they can ensure their kids are covered.
- **Support Thoughtful Policy Development and Implementation**- Ensure pediatric-specific issues are carefully addressed with implementation of policies already passed and seek new policy opportunities to ensure coverage and access to kids.



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Thank you for coming!

QUESTIONS?

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