



All Kids Covered Initiative Meeting Notes April 4, 2014

HCPF Updates – Colleen Daywalt

- Latest enrollment stats: about 158K adults newly enrolled into Medicaid and 118K enrolled into Connect for Health Colorado. There will be another data release in mid-April.
- Late next week the department will be announcing estimated numbers of newly enrolled children (previously eligible but not enrolled). **[4/15/12 Update: HCPF announced that an estimated 14,450 children enrolled in Medicaid and more than 8,250 children enrolled in CHP+ who had previously been eligible but not enrolled. See HCPF press release [here](#) and AKC statement of support [here](#).]**
 - A coalition member commented that there also appears to be a large increase in caseload for pregnant women from about 9,000 in Oct. to 16,000 in Feb. It would also be interesting to know more about the cause of this significant increase.
 - Comment: It will be important to clarify in the data if the EBNE calculations are made with the MAGI adjusted income levels (e.g. 195% FPL for pregnant women).
- HCPF is working with C4HCO to align messaging around the end of open enrollment and special enrollment periods, and they are working on a communications webinar with C4HCO and the DOI to talk about messaging now through the next open enrollment period.
 - A coalition member asked if Medicaid denial letters include information about C4HCO and if they include information about special enrollment periods. Colleen answered that the letters do include information about C4HCO, but don't have information about special enrollment periods.
- HealthColorado will have a new online plan selection page available soon. It had initially been posted several weeks ago and had to be taken down to fix some bugs. People who are new to Medicaid and need to select a health plan will be able to use the form to select a health plan online.
- Several PEAK enhancements are being incorporated 4/5 including e-noticing, online mail, online checking status of an application, finish retroactive Medicaid application online, etc. [ACA Implementation News](#) has a full explanation.
- Update on letters to Food Assistance clients: 11,400 adults have enrolled (out of 45,000 letters sent) and 4,500 kids have enrolled (out of 16,000 letters sent)
- HCPF is working on a new website which will be available around July. Currently working to make it more client and provider focused. Comment that more information about how to use benefits is a need from the communities.

Presentation on Eligible but Not Enrolled Children in Colorado - Natalie Triedman and Tamara Keeney, Colorado Health Institute (*Slides of the presentation can be found [here](#).)*

- New methodology used this year makes this year's estimates not comparable to past years. (The methodology includes the new MAGI income levels, the maintenance of effort adjustment, and

the 5% income disregard.) However using either the old or new methodology, the estimated number of EBNE kids is decreasing.

- Natalie said that CHI has a MAGI 2-pager in the works that she will share with AKC when it is ready
- HCPF MAGI fact sheet is available [here](#).
- Higher rates of EBNE in Hispanic/Latino ethnic groups
- Adult report will be released later this month.
- Discussion:
 - Higher rates of EBNE kids in mountain regions. Could this be because the cost of living is higher or because of seasonal workers?
 - Will HCPF ever remove the “maintenance of effort” income limit adjustments and if so could this impact methodology?
 - Is there a use for an overlay of the EBNE map with community organizations/Certified Application Assistance sites? Could this tell us if higher rates of EBNE are due to fewer services available?

Discussion about the Colorado Health Report Card – Natalie Treidman, CHI

- Overall takeaway: Colorado tends to do worse for kids than adults. This is likely because Colorado is attracting wealthier, healthier adults from other states.
- Colorado did improve from a D+ to a C in children’s measures.
- Colorado is 37th nationally in kids’ coverage, but this ranking is improving
- The biggest change in children’s health was in obesity. Colorado ranked 24th last year, but 5th this year. Big improvements in physical activity, potentially related to work of LiveWell Colorado.
- There is a report card supplement that looks at policies in other states to improve rankings.
- Website: http://www.coloradohealth.org/report_card.aspx

Legislative update

- Dental alignment bill passed, and the rule is out for comments now
- Colorado budget “Long Bill” is being considered. Funding for CBMS improvements is included.
- More Health Care bills could be introduced
- Adult dental benefit started April 1 – this also includes pregnant women
- CHP+ dental benefit cap is being increased from \$600 per year to \$1,000 to align with adult benefit

Partner Updates

- Colorado Access: Now the BHO for the northeast region (Weld, Larimer, Kit Carson, Sedgwick, etc.) Colorado Access is already the RCCO in this region so looking forward to increased coordination. July 1 implementation date.
- CASBHC: Finalizing report about enrollment through School Based Health Centers. Project funded by CHIPRA. Over four years, 8,423 individuals were enrolled. [More information in CASBHC newsletter [here](#).]
- Colorado Bridge Program (Kaiser Permanente Charitable Health Program): enrolled about 200 people in less than two months. No longer taking applications (after the open enrollment deadline) but will be enrolling people who qualify for a special enrollment period (including people who will no longer have KPStep which ends in June).