



All Kids Covered Initiative Meeting Notes Friday August 1, 2014

Updates from the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) – Colleen Daywalt

- **General HCPF Updates:**
 - *Save the Date for Outreach and Enrollment Training – Oct. 14 – 15, 2014:* Colleen announced an upcoming training funded by the Colorado Health Foundation, which is hosted by Connect for Health Colorado, HCPF, and the Division of Insurance (DOI). For now, it is still in the development stages, but the goal is to cover outreach, the new application, and rates on plans for 2015; it will be a fairly comprehensive training. No registration information has been posted yet, but it will be posted soon. Save the date for October 14 - 15, 2014 and look for more information in the [recent issue of At a Glance](#). Sessions will also be recorded and posted online.
 - *PEAK Website Changes:* [PEAK website](#) has had significant changes in June, mainly to make the website more mobile-friendly through smartphone or tablet, and to track correspondence from the state as well as the status of an application. Later in the summer, they are planning a build for PEAK to better handle redeterminations. You can read more about these changes in the [latest issue of At a Glance](#).
 - *School-based Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention (SAPI) grant program:* This will be a new grants program for schools and community-based organizations to reduce the risk of prescription drug abuse, alcohol use, and marijuana use among school-aged populations. Funding comes from marijuana tax revenues. A Request for Grant Proposals (RGP) will become available on the Department website by September 15, 2014 with applications tentatively due on November 4, 2014. HCPF will host a stakeholder meeting to review and receive input on the draft grant procedures, policies and timelines on August 26, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at 225 16th Ave., First Floor Conference Room, Denver, CO 80203. [Shannon Huska](#) is the key contact for this. Please RSVP to her if you plan to attend or would like call-in information. More information can also be found in the [latest issue of At a Glance](#).
- **Sneak-peak of HCPF's new website**
 - HCPF has received a grant to redevelop their website. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), Department of Personnel & Administration (DPA), and Department of Revenue have all been the pilots of the redevelopment process. Colleen shared a screenshot PDF of what the new website will look like. They constructed it with the descending order of priority audiences: clients, providers, and stakeholders. The website will be mobile-friendly and the client-specific pages will be written in sixth to ninth grade reading level. The website's launch was delayed as they underwent an accessibility assessment which pinpointed additional changes they needed to make.
- **Update on timeline for implementation of removal of the five year residency bar for legally present kids and pregnant women**
 - Handout: [Elimination of 5 Year Bar for Legally Present Pregnant Women and Children Frequently Asked Questions](#)
 - Now that we have both the law (passed in 2009) and the funding (passed in 2014), HCPF needs to have federal approval via the State Plan Amendment (SPA) process, rule change, and systems change through a build in the Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS). They are teeing up the build for CBMS now and should be engaging the

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) soon. In the fall, they will begin the stakeholder process. It is unclear why the regular Medical Services Board public rule review process is not being observed.

- Comments from All Kids Covered (AKC) members included a request for messages that can be shared with clients during the next open enrollment period to clarify options for the people that this rule affects. Another member commented that it is important that duplicate enrollments (in Advanced Premium Tax Credits and in Medicaid) be avoided, and HCPF and Connect for Health Colorado are encouraged to be mindful of that during the operationalization of the rules in CBMS.

Update on Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Financing Extension – Cody Belzley

- **Background on CHIP Financing:** Cody presented a PowerPoint which included the following information:
 - There was discussion as the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was drafted on whether CHIP would be needed after the coverage expansions available to families through the ACA, but some veteran lawmakers argued that we ought to keep CHIP for now to see how everything else would shake out. It was not guaranteed whether the new coverage options would meet kids' needs as well as CHIP does.
 - CHIP has been a prime contributor to the decrease in the number of uninsured kids nationally. It also has been an option for families caught in the "kid glitch."
 - As we move forward, we should have parallel conversations on how to better align and streamline insurance affordability programs so families can be in the same coverage program, but for now we do need to keep CHIP as an option.
 - Congressional leaders on the key committees in the House and Senate [issued a letter to Governors](#) seeking their input on CHIP financing extension. Governors have until Oct 31st to respond. This is an advocacy opportunity for us.
 - CHIP financing affects state budgeting. Need to plan for upcoming fiscal years is an opportunity for advocacy.
 - *Resources:*
 - Government Accountability Office (GAO) report has a one-page summary that you can read [here](#).
 - Georgetown Center for Children and Families is finalizing a report with the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities which estimates the financial loss to state (For CO it would mean the loss of \$130 - \$140M of federal funds under the current match rate and \$180 - \$190M of federal funds under the enhanced match rate).
 - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funded a report by First Focus issued an [actuarial analysis completed by the Wakely Consulting Group](#) last week that compares benefits and cost of CHIP compared to Qualified Health Plans in exchanges.
- **Opportunity for Advocacy:**
 - AKC Leadership team met with some AKC members and others who belonged the original State Child Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) coalition in 2008 to think through how to get organized to ensure future funding for CHIP. All agreed that AKC is the natural lead for this work.
 - ***AKC is collecting individual organization sign-on letters in support of CHIP financing extension. Please send your completed letter to Cody (cody@coloradokids.org).***
 - Colorado Health Foundation has generously agreed to support this work through funding a communications contractor for messaging as well as a contractor to collect stories.
 - Colorado Coalition for the Medically Underserved (CCMU) will be leading the collection of stories from families, providers, and community organizations who benefited from CHIP. This story collection is based on inspiration from the Insuring Our Future project

when stories resonated well with legislators. Please start thinking of potential storytellers—current and past CHIP kids, parents, families, family members who have had a relative benefit from CHIP, patient navigators, providers, etc. Ideally, we'd like to cover all seven Congressional districts.

- AKC will keep the full coalition apprised of the work, even if you choose not to sign onto this advocacy effort.

General Partner updates

- Aurora Health Access is asking for community support for a student-run primary care clinic that is hoping to open in Aurora. They plan to target caring for the medically underserved. Contact [Rich McLean](#) if you would like to lend your support.
- Oral Health Colorado (OHCO) is undertaking an analysis of pediatric dental benefit since initial research shows that on average, a standalone pediatric dental benefit plan (\$44) was significantly cheaper than an embedded plan (\$3,000). Stay tuned as there may be some need for legislation.
- The Colorado Health Foundation announced a funding opportunity for coverage advocacy that is now open with an October 15 deadline. See [website](#) for details.
- Children's Hospital Colorado has a new policy person: Ellen Steiner who will be on-board soon and hopefully joining us at AKC.