



## All Kids Covered Initiative Meeting Notes January 9, 2015

### Written Updates from the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing – *Colleen Daywalt*

- **Connect for Health Colorado & Medicaid Report Enrollment Gains:** Between Nov. 15 and Dec. 31, 2014, more than 151,000 Coloradans enrolled in healthcare coverage for 2015, either in Medicaid, Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) or in private health insurance purchased through the state health insurance Marketplace. [Additional information and demographics can be found at ConnectforHealthCO.com.](#)
- **Help Desk Tickets:** It is important for CBMS Users, applicants and those assisting individuals through the application and shopping process to submit Help Desk Tickets when technical issues, such as an error message or problems with navigation, are encountered. Please submit Help Desk Tickets to [CBMS.Help@state.co.us](mailto:CBMS.Help@state.co.us).
- **New Federal Provider Regulations Resources Available:** New federal regulations established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) require enhanced screening and re-validation of providers enrolling with Colorado Medicaid. The Department is seeking stakeholder feedback on how to implement these federal regulations. On February 13, 2015, HCPF staff plan to present an overview of the rule to the Medical Services Board during the Board's monthly meeting. The board will not be asked to vote on the rule at this time. For more view the [Fact Sheet](#) and [Webinar](#).

### Presentation - Making Progress: Colorado's Steps Toward a Simplified Medicaid and CHP+ Enrollment System – *Stephanie Brooks, Colorado Covering Kids and Families*

- View presentation slides [here](#).

### CHIP Funding Update – *Cody Belzley*

- AKC is still working hard to collect stories about what CHP+ means to Colorado families for the CHIP Works campaign. There are now six stories are posted on the AKC website ([here](#)), and one more is coming. Many thanks go to people in the AKC coalition who have been willing to tell their story so publicly.
- The Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC) solicited comments from stakeholders about what would happen in each state if CHIP funding were discontinued. The AKC leadership team wrote [a letter](#) to MACPAC that many AKC organizations also signed on to.
- If your organization hasn't yet, but would like to, you can still join the CHIP Works campaign. (Contact Cody – [cody@coloradokids.org](mailto:cody@coloradokids.org))
- Timing of CHIP funding being heard on the Hill is still up in the air. Some possibility of it being tied to the Medicare doc fix, by the end of March.
- The Colorado Health Foundation is continuing its generous support for GBSM to continue to provide communications assistance for the CHIP Works campaign.
- If your organization has federal lobbying or advocacy resources, please contact Cody about how leverage those resources for the CHIP funding efforts.

## State Legislative Update – Jennifer Miles, Miles Consulting

- The 2015 Legislative Session started Wednesday, January 7. The final tally for legislative make up:
  - Senate: 18 Republicans - 17 Democrats.
  - House: 34 Democrats - 31 Republicans. New speaker: Dickey Lee Hullinghorst
- Senate Health and Human Services Committee now consists of five people (down from seven). The chair is Kevin Lundberg and Larry Crowder is the Vice-Chair. Other members are Irene Aguilar, Beth Martinez Humenick, and Linda Newell.
- The House continues to have two health committees which kept the same chairs; the House Health, Insurance and Environment Committee (Chair: Beth McCann), and the Public Health Care and Human Services Committee (Chair: Diane Primavera).
- Quarterly revenue projections show that the Colorado economy is doing great, which means state revenues are increasing, and that we are nearing the revenue cap imposed by TABOR. This could mean that the additional money is refunded in the form of tax credits next April or it may not happen until the next fiscal year. This is a tricky situation because Colorado is still behind on K-12 education and other areas. TABOR rules could be changed by a vote of the people, but this is unlikely.
- HCPF budget items:
  - Change Medicaid income eligibility to annualized income
  - Change CHP+ to give 30-day grace period to pay the enrollment fee
    - Both measures above may have challenges and it would be helpful to have front line stories about how each change could help families.
  - Request for 25 new FTE for the HCPF customer service center to address long hold times. This may also be difficult to pass because it will cost additional money to help support the Medicaid expansion.
- Bills: There are over 120 out as of 1/9/15. This is normal because all legislators' first bills need to be out on the first day. None are central to AKC but some of interest:
  - Autism spectrum coverage
  - Full audit of Connect for Health Colorado
  - Legislative approval of pay increases for Connect for Health Colorado

## General Partner Updates

- **Colorado Association of Family Physicians (CAFP)** will be supporting targeted rate increases for tooth sealing and prenatal/postpartum assessments executed by family physician under the infant's Medicaid number.
- **Colorado Association for School Based Health Care** – Supporting a rate increase for adolescent depression screening.
- **Kaiser Permanente** – Colorado Bridge program is subject to the open enrollment period, so people need to apply by Feb. 15. This insurance program is for people under 35, under 300% FPL, without access to other coverage. Provides a gold off-exchange plan that includes pediatric dental.

- **Colorado Consumer Health Initiative** - Annual Health Care Day of Action will be February 26, 2015. All are invited. Agenda is being developed. Breakfast will be served. Cost is \$10, but scholarships are available. [Read more and register here.](#)
- **All Kids Covered/Colorado Coalition for the Medically Underserved (CCMU)** – Gretchen Hammer is the new Medicaid Director for HCPF. CCMU is searching for a new Executive Director.

**Next meeting is Friday, February 6, 2015**