

All Kids Covered Meeting Notes

January 3, 2014

HCPF Updates – Colleen Daywalt provided the following updates:

- **Enrollment & Application numbers:**

- As of 12/31/13 there are 86,432 new Medicaid Enrollees and 52,773 individuals have purchased private insurance. 47% of newly eligible for Medicaid are under 35 years old and 35% of C4HCO's enrollments are under 35 years old. Press releases from [HCPF](#) and [C4HCO](#) can be found on the HCPF website.
- 131,436 applications were submitted from Oct. 1 – Dec. 31, with 86,432 newly eligible. This does not reflect the EBNE population; HCPF will try to identify EBNE. Some applications include children who had coverage and parents who are newly eligible. This number does not include redeterminations. Total number of applications is the number of processed applications. Not newly submitted (post 12/31) applications- Colleen will confirm.

Question: December press releases listed over 114,000 enrollments, but this month the number is 86,000. Why is there a discrepancy?

A: The 114,000, from previous press release, was a forecasted number. 86,432 is how many people are actually enrolled. During the holidays when many people are seasonally employed Medicaid numbers fluctuate.

- **CHIPRA Bonus:** For the 2nd year in a row Colorado has received highest CHIPRA bonus; \$58.5 million. This is the 4th consecutive year that Colorado has been recognized. To achieve this Colorado met 7 of 8 objectives. The [press release](#) is available on the HCPF website.

Question: How will the CHIPRA funds be spent?

A: Funds will offset general fund

- **ACC:** On Dec. 20, HCPF [announced](#) ACC reached a milestone of enrolling 400,000 clients.
- [Colorado.gov/health](#) has an extensive list of FAQs. New exemptions for the individual mandate, from federal government, are listed on website. To sign up for weekly communications including the ACA Implementation Newsletter visit <http://www.cohealthinfo.com/lists/>
- **Letters to SNAP clients:** HCPF worked with DHS to send out letters to parents of children receiving SNAP benefits (sent out 2-3 weeks ago) letting them know they may benefit from the Medicaid expansion and it was an easy update to account. The letter gave instructions for updating an account through PEAK to add Medical Assistance. There are dedicated call center reps to help those individuals, to reach dedicated reps, there is an option in the phone tree that forwards the callers to those individuals. Letter attached.

Update on CHP+ Budget – Cody Belzley provided highlights from a conversation with HCPF budget team about the reduction in CHP+ funding in the Governor's budget.

- Shortly after the Dec. coalition meeting, HCPF staff to discuss CHP+ budget with advocates. The budget request item is a change to FY 2013-14 intended to reflect caseload adjustments HCPF seeing over 2013. The caseload shift reflects children moving to Medicaid. Drivers for this shift are the removal of stair step which AKC endorsed. Remaining changes have to do with implementation of MAGI and the way they are calculating household size and income under new rules. Many people who were eligible for CHP+ with old rules are eligible for Medicaid with new rules under MAGI. The number of Medicaid eligible is much higher than anticipated. HCPF is taking steps to track individual kids and pregnant women to make sure they are transferring to Medicaid and not falling off. HCPF is working on providing more information about churn to AKC. Age and income category will help AKC have higher level of confidence that kids are being transferred adequately. AKC is focusing communication efforts around federal advocacy of CHIP, including communication materials.
- Government Accountability Office (GAO) conducted a [study](#) of CHIP in 5 states including Colorado. The study compares qualified health plans. The draft compares access to services and different co-pays. This will help as AKC develop more formal advocacy strategy around CHIP. A highlight of the study can be found [here](#).

Q: Are the CHP+ savings in the budget allocated elsewhere in the budget?

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A: No, the reduction of CHP+ money will be spent under Medicaid budget rather than CHP+ budget at HCPF. (HCPF has 25% of state budget, so the CHP+ funding is small in comparison).

Six-Month Communication Plan for AKC – Cody Belzley gave an update on plans for future communications and asked for input from the group:

- Medicaid parent coverage expansion (Jan) -- when EBNE data available it will be good to write about how parent's coverage positively impacts kids.
- 12 months continuous eligibility for Medicaid kids (March)
- Speak-up for Kids Day – March 13, 2014
- Connect for Health Colorado Open Enrollment Closing day

General Partner updates

- **Speak Up For Kids:** Advocacy day at the capitol on March 13. Pre-capitol events pair participants with advocacy coaches before meeting with their representatives. If you are interested in becoming a partner organization please contact [Cody Belzley](#). There is no cost with being a partner organization- just promote the event. Benefits would include having material in participant packet. There were close to 100 participants last year.
- At the Dec. meeting AKC presented on [The Future of Children's Health Coverage in Colorado](#). A 4 page executive summary and full page report are available on the [AKC website](#).
- CKF's Annual survey was sent out today. If you are part of the CKF coalition please take 15 minutes to complete the [survey](#). It is available until 5:00 p.m. on Fri. Jan. 17. The CKF quarterly coalition meeting will take place on Wed. Jan. 8. Agency Partner Work Group on Jan. 24.
- HCPF is looking for success stories from newly Medicaid eligible. There are lots of stories from people who received private insurance through the marketplace. Thank you to Adam Fox (CCHI) for tracking down a story for upcoming JBC hearing. If anyone runs across Medicaid clients who are now eligible/enrolled, please send information to [Colleen](#). Information will be gathered and told based on the comfort level of individual and media requests. Suggestions of privacy include using first name and geographic location rather than full name town. Colorado Engage also compiling stories and sharing with HCPF.
- [Servicios de La Raza](#) is bilingual, primarily in Spanish, enrollment support. They have had radio and television broadcasts, and are partnering to create health coverage novellas. They have been flooded with people looking for application assistance. If you do not have the resources please send Spanish language folks their way.

NEXT MEETING: February 7, 2014