Pennsylvania's Medicaid and CHIP Programs: At a Glance

Program Element	Previous Program	Cover All Kids Expansion	
Implementation	n/a	March 1, 2007 (received CMS approval on	
Date	,	2/20/07)	
Program Type	Separate Medicaid and SCHIP programs; SCHIP called CHIP	Expansion of CHIP	
Income Range and Population	Medicaid: ages 0-1, incomes up to 185% of the federal poverty level (FPL); ages 1-5, incomes up to 133% of the FPL; ages 6-18, incomes up to 100% of the FPL CHIP: ages 0-18, incomes up to 235% of the FPL	CHIP: ages 0-18 with incomes up to 300% of the FPL; families with incomes above 300% can buy into the program if they meet certain requirements	
Cost-Sharing	Medicaid: no cost-sharing provisions SCHIP: monthly family premiums with income greater than 200% FPL (amount varies by health plan); no copayments	Children with family income between 200-250%, are subsidized at 75% of the per member, per month premium; co-payments ranging from \$5-\$10 for doctor visits, \$25 for non-emergent use of the emergency room and \$6-\$9 for prescriptions 250-275%: subsidized at 65% of the premium cost; same co-payments as 200-250% 275-300%: subsidized at 60% of the premium cost; same co-payments as 200-250% Families with incomes greater than 300% can buy into the program at the full premium cost; co-payments ranging from \$15-\$25 for doctor visits, \$50 for non-emergent use of the emergency room and \$10-\$18 for prescriptions	
Enrollment/Renewal Procedures			
Application	Joint application; no face-to- face interview or asset test required for Medicaid or CHIP; on-line application	No change	
Continuous Eligibility	12-months for CHIP	No change	
Renewal	6-month renewal for Medicaid, 12-month renewal for CHIP; no face-to-face interview for	No change	

	either program		
Crowd-out Measures	No waiting period for Medicaid or CHIP	With exceptions, a children ages 2-18 with family income above 200% of the FPL must be uninsured for at least six months prior to application	
Benefits			
Benefits	Among other things, benefit packages includes preventive care, immunizations, emergency care, dental, vision, hearing, prescription drugs and mental health benefits	No change	
Service Delivery System	Managed care or fee-for- service depending upon the county	No change	
Other Provisions			
Premium Assistance	Was not authorized in the previous CHIP	Authorized by statute, but not yet approved by CMS	

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