



National Covering Kids & Families Network Scoop

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Today's NCKF Scoop includes information about two upcoming webinars that may be of interest to you, a presentation from the National Immigration Law Center (NILC) that helps untangle the term "lawfully residing" and lastly, a new report from Mathematica about simplification efforts in health human services enrollment and eligibility.

[CMS Webinar on "Text4baby"](#)

CMS is hosting a webinar on Thursday, December 9 from 3-4:30 PM EST on the "Text4baby Program" and how it could enhance Medicaid and CHIP outreach activities. The webinar will provide background on "Text4baby" and includes speakers from states who will discuss their experience using the strategy. Go [here](#) for more information and to register for the webinar.

[NASHP Webinar on Improving Quality of Care for Young Children](#)

The National Academy for State Health Policy is hosting a webinar on Monday, December 6 from 2-3:30 EST about opportunities for states to improve the quality of care children receive through better coordination and transformation of the delivery system for children in Medicaid and CHIP. Presenters will include speakers from four states that have received grants to do this work and a discussion about what some of the results of these efforts have been. Go [here](#) to register for the webinar.

[NILC Presentation on "Lawfully Residing"](#)

Under the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA), states have a new coverage option to offer coverage to lawfully residing children and pregnant women who have been in the country less than 5 years and CMS has recently issued new guidance on the new option. NILC recently hosted a webinar on the new option, the CMS guidance, what it means for states to take up this new option and who is covered if the state takes the new option. Go [here](#) to see the presentation.

[New Report on Efforts to Simplify and Streamline Eligibility and Enrollment](#)

This report by Mathematica was conducted to inform the California Health and Human Services Agency and stakeholders about the experiences other states have had with initiatives to simplify and streamline the enrollment and eligibility processes in their health and human services programs as California plans for major changes in their state. The report examines initiatives in Florida, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington, and focuses on staffing functions, policy simplification, technology, community partners, and measures of program performance. Go [here](#) to read the report.

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