



National Covering Kids & Families Network Scoop

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In this week's Scoop, it's appropriate that as we approach the second anniversary of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) this Friday, February 4, that all of the items in this week's Scoop are all about CHIPRA. First, before we get to those items, a big thank you to all of you who were in DC last week and joined us at the reception where we had a chance to see old friends and make new ones in the Network.

Register for the Next NCKFN Webinar: Let's Not Forget About CHIPRA!

Please join us for the next National Covering Kids & Families Network webinar, **Tuesday February 8 from 3:00-4:30 PM Eastern** where we will hear more about opportunities in CHIPRA to reach more eligible but unenrolled children including the recent announcement of over \$200 million in performance bonus awards to states. We'll hear about what states did to earn these bonuses and what your state needs to do to qualify for one in the future. We'll also be joined by staff from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) who will give an update on CHIPRA overall. For more on the webinar and to register, please go here.

CMS Celebrates Second Anniversary of CHIPRA and Looks Forward to 2011

Tomorrow February 3 at 3 PM Eastern, CMS will hold a conference call hosted by CMS Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicaid, CHIP and Survey & Certification, Cindy Mann. The call will celebrate their CHIPRA efforts to enroll children over the past year, share some new data about children's enrollment and announce new opportunities in 2011. Go here for more information about the call.

Second Anniversary of CHIP Reauthorization

February 4th marks the second anniversary of when President Obama signed the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act into law, one of his first acts

as president. In anticipation of the date, we'd encourage you to consider taking the opportunity to celebrate what CHIP and Medicaid have meant for the stability of the children and families in your state, especially during the current economic downturn. To help you with this, we've worked with our colleagues at Spitfire Strategies on an OP ED you may want to customize and send to your local paper.

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