
National Covering Kids & Families Network Scoop

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In this week's Scoop, three reminders about upcoming events and a link to "Holding Steady, Looking Ahead: Annual Findings of a 50 State Survey of Eligibility Rules, Enrollment and Renewal Procedures, and Cost Sharing Practices in Medicaid and CHIP, 2010-2011".

[Join us for a Network Reception January 28th](#)

Some of you are likely making the trip to Washington, DC next week for the annual Families USA Conference. If so, we hope you will join us for a reception next Friday evening, January 28th to connect and mingle with your colleagues from the NCKF Network. Staff from the Georgetown Center for Children and Families, the Southern Institute for Children and Families and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation will be there along with the leadership committee of the NCKF Network. For the details about the reception, please go [here](#).

[Register for the Next NCKFN Webinar: Let's Not Forget About CHIPRA!](#)

Please join us for the next National Covering Kids & Families Network webinar on February 8 from 3:00-4:30 PM EST 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](#).

[50 State Survey on Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility Rules, Enrollment and Renewal Procedures and Cost Sharing Released](#)

On January 11, the Georgetown Center for Children and Families and the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured released "Holding Steady, Looking Ahead," the latest 50 state survey of Medicaid and CHIP eligibility rules, enrollment and

renewal procedures, and cost sharing requirements. The survey found that over the past year, as the nation's attention was focused on the country's economic problems and the debate over the passage of broader health care reform, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) continued to play a vital role of providing coverage to millions of people who otherwise lack affordable coverage options. This report contains a wealth of information for those of you in states to have a better understanding of where your state stands in relation to what other states do in these areas and where you might improve or where you might be a trendsetter. Go [here](#) for a copy of the report and for slides from the briefing where the report was released.

[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 this 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.

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