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Happy New Year to the Network! Hope you had some time to relax and reenergize over the holidays for what is going to be a busy year. In today's Scoop, an announcement about the forthcoming 50 State Survey on state Medicaid and CHIP programs, information about the Medicaid performance bonuses awarded by CMS at the end of 2010 and a "Save the Date" for the next NCKFN Webinar.

New 50 State Survey on Medicaid and CHIP Being Released Tuesday

The Georgetown Center for Children and Families and the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured will release the latest 50 state survey of Medicaid and CHIP eligibility rules, enrollment and renewal procedures, and cost sharing requirements on **Tuesday, January 11**. You can view the release live starting at 9:30 am Eastern by using this [link](#). You may recall this report from past years when it was conducted by Donna Cohen Ross, formerly of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. This report contains a wealth of information that helps those working 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. Please be on the look out for the report and a media release on Tuesday from CCF.

CMS Awards \$206 Million in Performance Bonus Dollars to 15 States

On December 27th, 2010, fifteen states across the country received the good news that they were receiving bonus payments from CMS for their achievements in reaching more uninsured children in their state by simplifying the enrollment and renewal process. Please check out [CCF's blog, Say Ahhh!](#), where there are [three blogs \(including one from HHS Secretary Sebelius\)](#) about the performance bonus awards. In the blogs, you'll find a discussion about some of the states that missed the opportunity to qualify for a bonus as well as some good examples of what some of the new awardee states have implemented in recent years that helped them to qualify for a bonus.

Save the Date for the Next NCKF Webinar: February 8

The next NCKFN webinar is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 8th from 3-4:30 PM, EST**. The topic of the webinar will be the Affordable Care Act- an overview of the basics, why you should care about it, and how you might begin to engage if you haven't already. A formal announcement and information about how to register will be sent next week.

The Center for Children and Families (CCF) is an independent, nonpartisan policy center based at Georgetown University's Health Policy Institute whose mission is to expand and improve health coverage for America's children and families.

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