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## National Covering Kids & Families Network Scoop

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Lots to share in this week's NCKF Scoop, including a link to where you can access the materials and audio from last week's NCKF webinar, information about the new round of outreach grants that have been announced by CMS, two new resources you may find informative and lastly, news from HHS today about states that have been awarded "innovator grants" to design and implement the information technology (IT) infrastructure needed to operate Health Insurance Exchanges.

### [NCKF Webinar: Let's Not Forget About CHIPRA](#)

Last week we held our first NCKF webinar of the year, focused on the opportunities and options states have to cover children under CHIPRA. If you weren't able to join us for the webinar, you can access the materials and the audio [here](#).

### [CMS Announces New Round of CHIPRA Outreach Grants](#)

On February 3, 2011 CMS released a solicitation for the second round of \$40 million in grants to support outreach activities and strategies to enroll eligible children in Medicaid and CHIP and keep them enrolled as long as they qualify. States, local governments, community-based and nonprofit organizations, schools, health care providers, Indian tribes and others are encouraged to apply. A conference call with potential grantees is scheduled for **March 9 from 2-4 PM Eastern**. Please go [here](#) for more information about the grants and go [here to read CCF's blog](#) about the announcement.

### [New Kaiser Fact Sheet on States Adopting CHIPRA Options](#)

A new fact sheet from the Kaiser Family Foundation you may find helpful, "[State Adoption of Coverage and Enrollment Options in the Children's Health Insurance Reauthorization Act of 2009](#)"— provides an overview of eligibility and enrollment options and other incentives authorized in CHIPRA and state adoption to date.

### [HHS Annual Report on CHIP](#)

This [report](#) from HHS on the status of CHIP includes detailed program data from 2010 including enrollment growth trends, state eligibility expansions and procedural simplifications, CHIPRA performance bonuses, HIT, outreach and enrollment grants, and the activities of the new Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC).

### HHS Announces "Innovator Grants" to Seven States

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) today announced the award of seven cooperative agreements to help a group of "Early Innovator" states design and implement the information technology (IT) infrastructure needed to operate Health Insurance Exchanges. Using these new funds, the Early Innovator states will develop Exchange IT models that can be adopted and tailored by other states. Kansas, Maryland, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Wisconsin, and a consortium of New England states will receive a total of approximately \$241 million. To read more about these grants, please go [here](#).

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