
National Covering Kids & Families Network Scoop

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Hello NCKFers. A couple of new resources that you may find helpful in today's Scoop about the new health reform law and a new brief about the importance of Medicaid for children and other vulnerable populations that provides some good information given the current debate in Washington, D.C. that could result in major cuts to Medicaid.

[Kaiser Brief on New Rules for States Determining Income for CHIP and Medicaid in 2014](#)

A new issue brief released by the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured explains the new rules governing the way that states will have to determine eligibility for Medicaid and CHIP starting in 2014. The brief explains the changes in how income and household size are defined to determine eligibility for those programs and the exchange premium credits. It also describes the differences between the new rules and current income counting rules used in Medicaid and CHIP. Please go [here](#) to read the brief.

[Webinar on Affordability Lessons from Children's Coverage](#)

As many of you know from having worked on issues related to child and family coverage for years, there are many lessons from those experiences that must be part of the conversation as states move forward on implementing the new health reform law. The National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) is hosting a webinar on Monday, June 20th specifically about the affordability provisions states must develop and what we can learn from these experiences. Go [here](#) to register for the webinar.

[New Paper on Importance of Medicaid for Children and Other Vulnerable Populations](#)

As many of you probably know, there is an ongoing debate in Washington, D.C. that could result in some significant cuts and drastic changes to Medicaid. To help better understand the implications of what these cuts could mean, First Focus commissioned a study by researchers at George Washington University. The report describes the enormous success of Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in increasing health insurance coverage among children and explores the potential impact of the fiscal year 2012 budget resolution which calls for turning Medicaid into a block grant program. Please go [here](#) for a full copy of the report.

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