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National Covering Kids & Families Network Scoop

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Hello NCKFers-

Welcome to the official start of fall! This week's Scoop has some exciting new opportunities to start the season off well including information about the next NCKF webinar, a new brief from the CCF about provisions in Health Reform taking effect tomorrow and a new funding opportunity for states, so please be sure to take a look.

[Save the Date: Next NCKF Webinar October 25 from 3:00-4:30 PM EST](#)

Please save the date for the next National Covering Kids and Families Network Webinar which will provide new tools to strengthen and enhance your outreach efforts. Guest speakers will include Jenny Kenney from the Urban Institute who will discuss her new research on eligible but unenrolled children that can help you to more effectively target your outreach work and Alison Betty from GMMB who will be sharing some new outreach messages that have been developed based on some recent focus groups with families. A formal announcement will be sent in the next few days.

[New Paper from CCF About Health Reform Provisions Taking Effect Tomorrow](#)

September 23rd marks the six-month anniversary of the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). It also ushers in a new set of insurance reforms that will enable more children and families to obtain and keep their health care coverage. This new brief describes the changes as well as a number of strategies to ensure that these policies work most effectively.

[Upcoming NASHP Webinar on Using Technology to Speed Up Eligibility and Enrollment](#)

The National Academy for State Health Policy is hosting a webinar on September 30 from 3:00-4:00 PM EST on state experiences using electronic and telephonic signatures as a tool to streamline enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP and implications

for implementation of health reform. Guest speakers will include James Jones Director of Deputy Medicaid Director from Wisconsin, Viki Brant, Director of Program Operations and Professional Services from Alabama, and a representative from CMS.

[New Grant Opportunity For States to to Work on Streamlining and Coordinating Programs Including Medicaid and CHIP](#)

The Ford Foundation, along with the Urban Institute and the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities have announced a new grant opportunity for states to further their efforts in streamlining and coordinating public benefits. At a time of dwindling state resources and increased demand for services, finding new ways to become more efficient while serving more people is more important than ever- which is a key aim of this funding opportunity.

As always, please feel free to contact us—or your Network colleagues using the [listserve](#).

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