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## National Covering Kids & Families Network Scoop

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A few items of interest in this week's Scoop, including a link to the most recent NCKFN webinar, a new brief from the Georgetown Center for Children and Families on presumptive eligibility and lastly, a new paper about Medicaid and how it could be impacted by ongoing budget negotiations.

### [NCKFN Webinar on Simplification](#)

In case you missed it, this past Tuesday, May 17, the National Covering Kids & Families Network hosted its second webinar of the year focused on efforts to simplify Medicaid and CHIP. During the webinar we learned more about the national picture and which states have adopted various strategies, some of the successes and some of the lessons learned. Speakers from Alabama and Iowa presented on specific strategies that they have employed in their states. To listen to the webinar and obtain the presentations, please go [here](#).

### [New Brief on Presumptive Eligibility](#)

Tricia Brooks from the Georgetown Center for Children and Families recently authored a new brief on the value of presumptive eligibility for children and pregnant women. In her brief, you can read more about how presumptive can provide children and pregnant women access to care without delay and get them the services they need without having to wait. It also outlines the broader role that presumptive will play under the Affordable Care Act and highlights ways that the policy has been successfully implemented in a number of states. Go [here](#) to read the brief.

### [What a Block Grant Would Mean for Medicaid](#)

A new brief from the Kaiser Family Foundation provides an overview of the current relationship between the state and federal governments for running the Medicaid program and juxtaposes this with the likely consequences of a federal block grants on states governments, different populations of beneficiaries, and providers. It also provides an overview of previous experience with block grants like CHIP and TANF and

why the lessons learned from these programs do not provide support for block granting Medicaid. Please go [here](#) to read the brief.

As always, please feel free to contact us—or your Network colleagues using the [listserve](#). Go [here](#) to see previous issues of the Scoop.

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