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Pre-Conference Agenda

Room: West End Ballroom BCDE

Medicaid Managed Care 101: A Framework for Cost-Conscious, Quality Care

Today, two-thirds of children enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP receive services through some type of managed care, while virtually all of the newly eligible adult population is enrolled in a managed care plan. As more and more of the country's \$4.5 billion dollar investment in Medicaid is spent on managed care, key questions remain. Are states saving money? Do Medicaid managed care beneficiaries have better access to care or receive higher-quality care? Despite a lack of conclusive research, state and federal policymakers continue to promote managed care as a means to improve access and quality as they grapple with both an economic and a political imperative to manage costs. Given the growing reliance on managed care, child and family health advocates must arm themselves with a deeper understanding of managed care to ensure that children and families are well served. This pre-conference session will take a deep dive into how managed care works in Medicaid with a focus on key consumer issues and protections.

Presenters:

Joan Alker, Executive Director, Georgetown Center for Children and Families

Tricia Brooks, Senior Fellow, Georgetown Center for Children and Families

Sarah Somers, Managing Attorney, National Health Law Program

Kelly Whitener, Associate Professor of the Practice, Georgetown Center for Children and Families

Ruth Kennedy, Medicaid Director, State of Louisiana

8:00am	Breakfast
8:15 – 9:45am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Context • Populations, Enrollment, and Consumer Issues • Types of Managed Care Entities • Benefits and EPSDT • Network Adequacy and Access Standards
9:45 – 10:00am	Break
10:00 – 11:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grievances and Appeals • Quality Measurement and Improvement • The State Perspective • CHIP • Q & A and Discussion