

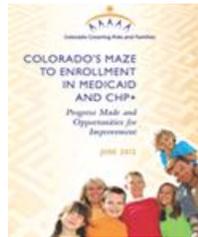


Colorado Covering Kids and Families

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Dear Covering Kids and Families (CKF) Coalition members and partners,

We're excited to announce the release of CKF's new publication, *Colorado's Maze to Enrollment in Medicaid and CHP+: Progress Made and Opportunities for Improvement*. The report is the third iteration of the original 2009 *Maze* report and is based on insight from families and professionals like you who routinely navigate the maze to enrollment for kids and families in Colorado.



Download *Colorado's Maze to Enrollment in Medicaid and CHP+* report [here](#), or visit CKF's *Maze* [webpage](#) for the original 2009 report and the 2010 interactive update.

Since 2009, Colorado has made significant strides to tear down the barriers preventing an estimated 82,036 eligible children from accessing health care, including:

- ✓ An online application and eligibility screening tool, www.colorado.gov/PEAK
- ✓ Electronic citizenship and identity verification and automatic renewal for eligible clients
- ✓ Expansions to cover more kids, parents, and pregnant women

Much still needs to change to improve access to Medicaid and CHP+ coverage. CKF honed in on **nine priority recommendations** for Colorado to adopt over the next two years. Three of the recommendations that will have immediate positive impacts on covering Colorado families are:

- Improve the state's eligibility system, **CBMS**
- **Simplify client correspondence** regarding eligibility and benefits
- Implement **12-month continuous eligibility** for children in Medicaid to reduce frequent movements between programs and unnecessary coverage gaps

Help us advocate for these priorities that will have real, positive impacts on Colorado families:

- **Share a success story**—if you've seen any improvements for clients due to Medicaid expansions, online applications through PEAK, electronic citizenship/identity verification, or automatic renewal, share them with us and volunteer to be a media contact. *Generating media interest helps make CKF's voice louder when we ask for changes...and media love your stories!*
- **Join us** at coalition meetings or our work groups. We always want to hear your ideas and challenges. Click [here](#) for more information about our meetings.
- **Sign up** for our monthly coalition update by contacting Stephanie Booker, sbooker@cchn.org.

Most of all, *thank you* for all you do—your efforts make a difference in the lives of Colorado's kids and families.

Sincerely,

Covering Kids and Families