



Colorado Covering Kids and Families

Denver Outreach Partners

Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Follow-Up
DOP Member Updates	<p>The Bridge Project is having issues with people not being able to complete an online Medicaid application because the client has an existing case in the Colorado Benefits Management System. It was not possible to open an account with the existing case and report a change to obtain the right coverage.</p> <p>Denver Health's enrollment van has been very busy and will soon have an enrollment specialist vacancy and a full time position open in March. Denver Health's outreach staff has been utilizing the connector tool on the Connect for Health Colorado website and this has been more successful than referring clients to enrollment specialists.</p>	

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<p>Health Care Policy and Financing Updates – Lisa Sterling</p>	<p>IRS Form 1095-B to be Sent to Medicaid and CHP+ Members in January 2016 Under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), most individuals are required to have minimum essential coverage (MEC), or pay the individual shared responsibility payment. Because most Medicaid and Child Health Plan <i>Plus</i> (CHP+) programs count as MEC, individuals enrolled in these programs at any time in 2015 will be receiving Form 1095-B from the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) as proof of coverage. HCPF is required to use Form 1095-B to report MEC information to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and to Medicaid and CHP+ members so that they are not liable for the individual shared responsibility payment. HCPF will mail these forms by Jan. 22, 2016. <u>Please remind clients to update their mailing address.</u></p> <p>More information on Form 1095-B is available through a recorded webinar, fact sheet, and desk reference, which are posted here under “IRS Form 1095-B: Health Coverage.” For Medicaid and CHP+ member information, go to Colorado.gov/Health/IRSForm1095B. More information will be posted to these pages as it becomes available. For questions, contact Nina Schwartz.</p> <p>Continuous Eligibility for Children Expanded to Non-MAGI Medicaid Programs Continuous eligibility provides children under the age of 19 up to 12 months of Medicaid or CHP+ coverage, regardless of changes to their household income and size. Effective Oct. 18, 2015, continuous eligibility was expanded to children enrolled in <i>non</i>-Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Medicaid programs. Continuous eligibility also applies to children who are no longer eligible for Foster Care Medicaid.</p> <p>New Layout for the PEAKHealth App PEAKHealth is a free smartphone application for current Medicaid and CHP+ clients. With the app, clients can manage their benefits, update their information, find a provider, and more. The PEAKHealth provider search now has an improved layout. Learn more about the app here.</p> <p>Updates to Benefit Coverage Standards Two benefit coverage standards were updated in 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Wheelchair Benefit Coverage Standard for manual wheelchair bases, power mobility devices, wheelchair seating, and wheelchair options and accessories. • Pediatric Personal Care Services 	<p>Update: HCPF posted the cover letter clients will receive in both English and Spanish so assisters can see what members will receive. A 1095-B timeline is also available.</p> <p>For more information, see the Continuous Eligibility: Frequently Asked Questions from HCPF.</p>

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Denver Human Services Updates – <i>Kathy Crusan-Ford</i>	<p>Denver Human Services (DHS) offers a navigator training for community partners. The navigator training includes an overview of the programs DHS offers, including food assistance, basic eligibility for Medicaid and cash programs, energy assistance, child support, childcare assistance program, PEAK, and a brief overview of the ACA. Connect for Health Colorado information will be added soon. For more information and to register, please contact Kathy Crusan-Ford, Agency Trainer for SNAP Into Health, at Kathleen.Crusan-Ford@denvergov.org. An upcoming training will be held:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb. 26, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 1200 Federal Blvd., Room 1019, Denver 	
CKF's Draft Training Curriculum Outline on Health Insurance Affordability Programs – <i>Sitora Rashidova</i>	<p>Since the implementation of health care reform, CKF has been consistently hearing about the need for comprehensive training on all health insurance affordability programs for all assisters. CKF has been working with HCPF and Connect for Health Colorado to integrate existing training resources from both agencies into one comprehensive, uniform, baseline training curriculum to be made available to all assisters, including Health Coverage Guides, Certified Application Counselors, brokers, Medical Assistance sites, Certified Application Assistance Sites, Presumptive Eligibility sites, Denver Health's Contracted Medical Assistance Program, county eligibility technicians, and customer service center representatives.</p> <p>CKF created the first draft of the curriculum outline and would like to gather feedback from coalition members. CKF has also convened an assister work group to work more closely on the project.</p> <p>DOP members discussed the curriculum outline and suggested adding a benefits section, integrating some of the training materials with CoveredHQ.org, and having an online space for sharing information.</p> <p>The Bridge Project currently uses several fact sheets for training purposes and will share them during the next meeting.</p>	<p>To get involved with CKF's integrated training work and to provide feedback on the draft curriculum, contact Sitora Rashidova at sitora@cchn.org.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.</p>	