



COLORADO COVERING KIDS AND FAMILIES MONTHLY COALITION MEETING NOTES

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Connect for Health Colorado Updates

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- The fifth open enrollment period ended January 12, 2018. There were 165,777 medical insurance plan selections. 23 percent were new customers and 77 percent were renewing customers.
- This is 3 percent higher than the same time last year, however, last year the open enrollment period was 22 days longer. Last year 172,000 enrolled in coverage during the open enrollment period.
- Thank you everyone who helped enroll Coloradans this year.
- There is a special enrollment period for people whose plans ended in 2017 and the plan is no longer being offered in 2018, then that consumer has until March 1, 2018, to enroll in a new plan.
- Now that the Open Enrollment period has ended, Connect for Health Colorado is working on a Colorado specific Special Enrollment Period guide.
- Some carriers may now ask for verifications of life change events. The verifications need to go directly to the carrier, not to Connect for Health Colorado.
- Connect for Health Colorado is shifting how to offer options for small businesses. It will be shifting to a new platform.

Updates CHP+ and Health First Colorado Updates

Nina Schwartz, Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

- As of January 18, 2018, Colorado still has the emergency supplemental funding approved by the Joint Budget Committee for CHP+, and some funds from the federal Continuing Resolution passed in December 2017. Additional analysis is needed, but without additional action by Congress, HCPF anticipates that there will be funding to continue CHP+ through at least February 2018. Additional communications would be sent well in advance of a termination notices going out.
- **UPDATE: Congress passed funding to extend federal funding for CHP+ on January 22.**
- There was a recent project that went into the Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS) to increase large font size. If someone opts in to receive correspondence in a large font, the default size will now come in 18-point font instead of size 14. (Reminder that in PEAK clients can zoom to make font as big or small as they need it.)
- Another new project was added to CBMS; the Asset Verification Program (AVP) will make it possible to verify certain liquid assets (e.g. checking and savings accounts) electronically for non-MAGI clients (i.e. those who have a disability, 65 or older). There is an FAQ on the HCPF website [here](#).

Coalition Member Updates and Information Sharing

- Salud Family Health Centers acquired a new clinic, Mount Carmel, in Trinidad, Colorado.

- Eileen Hunt from Broomfield County Health and Human Services is participating in a resource fair in Broomfield Colorado 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. next Thursday.
- One coalition member mentioned that when they helped a client update their income in Connect for Health Colorado. It is changing APTC as expected, but then the client was automatically unenrolled and re-enrolled.
- Another coalition member mentioned that they are seeing an issue with people who are lawfully present, but who have not lived in the U.S. for at least five years, are not being approved for APTC. Connect for Health Colorado requested that the coalition member stay in touch with the Connect for Health Colorado assistance network and asked if there were any patterns in immigration code.
- A county is seeing issues with clients showing as not-enrolled in benefits in CBMS, but the clients do show as eligible with active benefits through the MMIS provider portal. Help desk tickets have been submitted.

Next meeting: March 15, 2018