



Colorado Covering Kids and Families

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### **CKF News**

#### **May Coalition Meeting Notes and Recording**

Click [here](#) to listen to a recording of the May Coalition Meeting, and [here](#) to review the meeting notes.

#### **Reminder: CKF Meeting Time Changed to Third Fridays**

The CKF Coalition meetings are now held on the third Friday of every month from 9:00a.m. - 10:30a.m. The next CKF Coalition meeting will take place on Friday, June 15, 2018.

#### **Quarterly Health First Colorado and CHP+ Enrollment Analysis**

CKF reviews adult's and children's enrollment in Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) and Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) on a quarterly basis. CKF's new Quarterly Health First Colorado and CHP+ Enrollment Analysis highlights enrollment trends observed in the first quarter of 2018. The analysis found that the Health First Colorado children's caseload decreased by two percent, while the CHP+ caseload increased by 10 percent. Click [here](#) to review the analysis.

## Policy Updates

### DOI Timeline for 2019 Health Insurance Plans

The Colorado Division of Insurance (DOI) has finalized the timeline for health insurance companies to file their plans and premiums for the individual and small group markets for the 2019 plan year. The timeline includes deadlines for health insurance companies, as well as dates when the DOI will make information about approved plans and premiums available to the public. To view the timeline, [click here](#).

### Proposed Rescission Package Includes Cuts to CHIP

The Trump administration has proposed federal budget cuts that would take back 15 billion dollars of previously approved funding for federal programs. The proposal, referred to as a rescission package, includes a seven billion dollar cut to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) budget. The cuts would target two buckets of CHIP funding: the Child Enrollment Contingency Fund, and unused state allotment funds. The Child Enrollment Contingency Fund, otherwise known as the "rainy day fund", was put in place to help prevent states from running out of money if they experience a sudden increase in CHIP enrollments. The state allotment funds include wiggle room in case states go over their budget. The Congressional Budget Office published a [letter](#) stating that they do not expect the proposed rescission package to affect payments to states over the next ten years. According to an [article](#) by Kaiser Health News, however, child health advocates are concerned about this proposal going forward so soon after states had to use the contingency fund to maintain their CHIP programs.

CKF will continue to monitor this proposal and share its potential impact on Colorado if appropriate. Click [here](#) to review a summary of the proposal's potential impact on CHIP published by Georgetown Center for Children and Families.

## Outreach and Enrollment

### PEAK Technical Support Center

The PEAK Technical Support Center offers support to clients and assisters who are experiencing technical difficulties with the PEAK website including password resets. Users can contact the support call center at 1-800-250-7741, or message the help desk at [CBMS.Help@state.co.us](mailto:CBMS.Help@state.co.us). Click [here](#) to learn more about the PEAK Technical Support Center.

## Resources

### CBMS Transformation Website

The Governor's Office of Information and Technology (OIT) recently updated the CBMS Transformation website. The website includes a build calendar, proposed release schedule, and a frequently asked questions page. Click [here](#) to find information about the CBMS Transformation project.

### RAE Contracts Now Available Online

The contracts for Colorado's new RAEs, or Regional Accountable Entities, are now available online. RAEs will replace Regional Care Collaborative Organizations (RCCOs) beginning July 1, 2018. The launch of the new RAEs is part of Phase II of Colorado's Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC). To learn more about ACC Phase II and to see the RAE contracts, [click here](#).

### New Public Charge Resources from CBPP

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) released two new papers on the issue of

public charge. A public charge is currently defined as a person who is primarily dependent on government for subsistence. An immigrant who is deemed likely to become a public charge can be denied admission to the U.S. or denied the ability to become a lawful permanent resident. The Trump administration may soon release a draft rule that would broaden the range of public benefits that can be used to make public charge determinations. CBPP's two papers on the topic discuss how these rule changes would impact legal immigrants and their families. [The first paper](#) addresses how the inclusion of Earned Income Tax Credits in public charge determinations would discourage lawfully present immigrants from using public benefits. [The second paper](#) addresses how the public charge rule change would be particularly harsh for pregnant women and children.

### **DRCOG's Guide to Transitioning from Medicaid to Medicare**

The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) released a brief guide to educate people transitioning from Medicaid to Medicare about their eligibility and coverage. Click [here](#) to review the guide.

### **Upcoming Calls, Trainings, and Events**

#### **DHS Health Navigator Training**

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 Health First Colorado and cash programs, energy assistance, child support, childcare assistance program, PEAK, and a brief overview of the ACA. For more information and to register, please contact Kathy Crusan-Ford, Agency Trainer for SNAP Into Health, at [Kathleen.Crusan-Ford@denvergov.org](mailto:Kathleen.Crusan-Ford@denvergov.org). The upcoming trainings will be held in Denver:

- **Friday, June 22** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 1200 Federal Blvd. Room 1019.
- **Wednesday, June 27** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 1200 Federal Blvd. Room 1019.

### **Funding Opportunity**

#### **Apply for Funding with the Colorado Health Foundation**

The Colorado Health Foundation currently has several open funding opportunities. The next deadline to apply is June 15. Visit the [Colorado Health Foundation's](#) open funding webpage to learn more.

### **Jobs**

#### **Connect for Health Colorado is Hiring an Eligibility and Enrollment Analyst**

Connect for Health Colorado is seeking a new Eligibility and Enrollment Analyst. The Eligibility and Enrollment Analyst ensures that the ongoing design and technical operations of eligibility systems fulfill the needs of Connect for Health Colorado and associated Medical Assistance sites. Knowledge of PEAK and CBMS, as well familiarity with the requirements for medical assistance eligibility, are necessary for this position. To learn more about the position, [click here](#). To apply, please send your resume, cover letter, salary history, and three references to [hire@connectforhealthco.com](mailto:hire@connectforhealthco.com).

#### **CCHN is Hiring a Health Center Workforce Specialist**

Colorado Community Health Network (CCHN) is looking for a Health Center Workforce Specialist. The Health Center Workforce Specialist is primarily responsible for coordinating projects within the Health Center Operations Division (HCOPS) to provide technical assistance to Community Health Center members in training, recruiting, and staff retention. The Health Center Workforce Specialist must have technical and analytical writing skills, and be able to convey complex concepts in a manner that is accessible to a wide audience. Click [here](#) to learn

more about this position. To apply, please send your resume, cover letter, and written responses to the supplemental application questions to [angela@cchn.org](mailto:angela@cchn.org).

### **What We're Reading**

#### **Health and Access to Care and Coverage for LGBT Individuals in the U.S.**

The Kaiser Family Foundation published an issue brief that summarizes new research about health issues and barriers impacting the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community. While health data on this population has been historically limited, studies from the past couple of decades have shed light on rates of unique health challenges in the LGBT community. Click [here](#) to learn more about the LGBT community's health, access to care, and access to coverage.

#### **How Six States Use Medicaid Managed Care to Serve Children with Special Health Care Needs**

The National Academy for State Health Policy studied how six states (Arizona, Colorado, Minnesota, Ohio, Texas, and Virginia) designed their managed care systems to serve children with special health care needs. Their studies assessed the six states' best practices and strategies for meeting these children's needs. Click [here](#) to review their findings.

#### **Colorado Launches Campaign to End Stigma Around Opioid Addiction**

Colorado launched a public awareness campaign called "Lift the Label" that aims to end stigma around opioid addiction. The campaign sends a hopeful message to people suffering from opioid addiction in Colorado by sharing inspiring stories about recovery. State health officials hope that by addressing this stigma, more Coloradans will feel encouraged to seek treatment. Click [here](#) to learn more about the Lift the Label campaign.