

CO-CHAMP

Colorado Comprehensive Health Access Modernization Program

HRSA State Health Access Program Grant

May 1, 2010

Overview

A five year grant awarded from Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) to HCPF in September 2009. Colorado has requested \$42.9 million over the five-year period, but states must reapply for funding every year. Subsequent years of funding are contingent upon meeting performance measures and the availability of federal funding.

Program Status:

- **Staff Expansion (grant funded)**

- 15 employees hired
- 2 contractors hired
- 6 positions on-hold
- 5 positions in progress

- **Colorado Health Care Affordability Act (HB 09-1293)**

Several CO-CHAMP projects are linked to the implementation of the Health Care Affordability Act, which expands coverage to more than 100,000 uninsured Coloradans over the next five years. HRSA SHAP grant funding will support the following three HB 09-1293-related activities and include:

- May 1, 2010: Expanded the current Medicaid *parents* population to 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and the Child Health Plan Plus population to 250% of the FPL

1. Maximizing Outreach, Retention and Enrollment (MORE):

The Department will conduct effective outreach and marketing campaigns to inform the expansion populations of the availability of public health insurance programs and assist newly eligible expansion populations with the application process and how to access health care services in appropriate settings. Activities in year one include an outreach needs assessment and the distribution of grants to local community-based organizations for targeted outreach.

- MORE Grant Application to be released in May
- Purchase Orders for Needs Assessment in Procurement
- PEAK Tool-kit PO SOW in Procurement

2. Eligibility Modernization: Streamlining the Application Process:

With the additional 100,000 Coloradans potentially applying for health care coverage, the Department has identified new strategies to make the eligibility and enrollment process more efficient and cost-effective. Under this project, the Department plans to create interfaces with other state and federal databases to electronically verify required client documentation. An online application for the expansion populations will be implemented to eliminate the need for applicants to submit paper application. Year one projects include creating interfaces with the Vital Statistics and the Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS).

- **Interfaces**
 - Year 1 Scheduled Release
 - IEVS (Income Verification): On Target
 - SSA (Citizenship Verification): On Target
 - Vital Statistics (Citizenship Verification): Behind Schedule
 - Year 2 Scheduled Release
 - DMV (Identity Verification): Ahead of Schedule
- **Express Lane Eligibility**
 - Year 1 Scheduled Release
 - Free and Reduced Lunch: Behind Schedule
 - Year 2 Scheduled Release
 - Income Tax Records: On Target
 - Passive Re-enrollment: On Target

- **Executive Order D2010-002 'Streamlining the Application Process'**
 - Steering Committee Kick-off meeting scheduled for May 12, 2010 (DOR, DPHE, HCPF & OIT)

3. **Benefit and Program Design: Adults without Dependent Children (AwDC) & Buy In for Individuals with Disabilities (Buy-In) Programs:**

The Department will develop potential program designs, including models for premium structures, and cost-sharing provisions for the adults without dependents and the buy-in for individuals with disabilities expansion populations. The Department will hire contractors to conduct an actuarial study and fiscal analysis in the development of possible program models.

- AwDC and Buy-In Benefit Design and Actuary contract in Procurement
- Benefit and program design began with hiring *Mathematica* to analyze client population and benefit design features for the development of the AwDC program. Report will be submitted to HCPF by May 31, 2010.

• **Premium Assistance:**

Through federal authority, public health insurance programs for children can help eligible persons pay the premiums required to enroll in their private health insurance plans. The Department will expand its pilot premium assistance program, CHP+ at Work, statewide. The current program design allows for a direct subsidy (not to exceed \$100 per eligible child per month) to families who enroll their CHP+ child in the parents' employer-sponsored health insurance plan.

- Working with CMS to move the premium assistance program out of the CHP+ HIFA Waiver and into the State Plan and to identify the Premium Assistance program as the 5th of 8 CHIPRA Enrollment and Retention Provisions, which would position us to receive an additional \$8M in Federal funding.
- FTE for the CHP+ Premium Assistance Contract Manager was posted on 04/14/2010; applications currently under review. This position will focus on the expansion of the program to multiple employers.

• **Three-Share Community Projects:**

A three-share health coverage plan is a basic plan that brings together employers, workers without coverage and outside funding to create a coverage plan for those workers who have no other access to health insurance. HRSA SHAP grant funds will support 2 three-share community projects.

1. **Health Access Pueblo (HAP):**

A community-based non-profit organization created to provide high quality, affordable, basic health coverage for the uninsured who work for employers based in Pueblo County. Grant funding will be used to increase participation in HAP through a robust marketing and advertising plan.

- Estimated contract execution date: May 15, 2010

2. **San Luis Valley 3 Share:**

The goal of the San Luis Valley Health Access Program is to provide a health coverage program aimed at the working uninsured in employer groups where the median hourly wage is \$15 per hour or less and the employer group currently provides no health insurance. Grant funding will be used to initially fund the community share in this pilot program.

- Received their 501(c)(3) legal entity – business name is CarePoint
- Estimated contract execution date: May 31, 2010

• **Evidence Based Benefit Design:**

Many states are working to develop new, less expensive, portable benefit packages for small employers and part-time and seasonal workers. With HRSA SHAP funding, the Department and its partners will work with providers, insurers, and consumers to develop an evidence-based tool that can be used to design health benefit packages in private and public insurance products. These products will be offered to a targeted population of uninsured Coloradans through a regional pilot program and could eventually be offered statewide.

- Working with vendor on finalizing contract.
- Estimated execution date: May 15, 2010