CO-CHAMP
Colorado Comprehensive Health Access Modernization Program
HRSA State Health Access Program (SHAP) Grant

October 1, 2010

Overview

A five year competitive grant awarded from Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) to the Department 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:

- HRSA webpage: www.Colorado.gov/hcpf -->Partners & Researchers --> CO-CHAMP
  - Includes program updates, project descriptions and Fact Sheets, announcements and more!
- Staff Expansion (grant funded)
  - 21 employees hired
  - 6 positions in progress
  - 5 positions on-hold

Colorado Health Care Affordability Act (HB 09-1293)

Several CO-CHAMP projects are linked to the implementation of Colorado's 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: (1) Maximizing Outreach, Retention & Enrollment, (2) Eligibility Modernization and (3) Benefit and program design: Adults without Dependent Children & Disabled Buy-In.

1. Maximizing Outreach, Retention and Enrollment (MORE)

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.

- MORE Grant Applications were released on July 12 and were due back to the Department by August 9, 2010. Total amount of Year 1 funding to be distributed in grants is $628,790. Anticipate all MORE Grant Purchase Orders to be executed by October 13, 2010.
- MORE Grant Applications: Round 2 will be released mid-October. Funding amount anticipated between $350,000 and $1,050,000.
- Focus Groups and a Needs Assessment reports scheduled to be received in October.
- PEAK Tool-kit Purchase Order with Boulder County executed in September.
- Fall stakeholder meetings (statewide) in progress and will continue through early November.
- Gathering data requirements for developing an effective Application Tracking tool.

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 a paper application.

- **Interfaces –** All Interfaces are currently behind schedule due to CBMS technical issues.
  Year 2 Scheduled Release
  - IEVS (Income Verification)
  - SSA (Citizenship Verification)
  - Vital Statistics (Citizenship Verification)
    - Pilot scheduled to begin November 2010
  - DMV (Identity Verification)
    - Solidifying Interagency Agreement with DOR and OIT in October.

- **Express Lane Eligibility** -- All Express Lane Eligibility programs are currently behind schedule due to CBMS technical issues.

Year 2 Scheduled Release

- Free and Reduced Lunch
  - Colorado Department of Education distributed a letter to the Food Service Directors regarding sharing information with the Department. Anticipate launching programs with the school districts school year 2011-2012.
- Income Tax Records
- Passive Re-enrollment

- **Executive Order D2010-002 'Streamlining the Application Process'**
  - Held second Executive Order meeting on August 20, 2010
  - Submitting project plan to Governor's office October 2010.
  - Submitting report to Governor's Office December 2010.

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* RFP Released in August 2010.
- Disabled Buy-In expansion population rollout scheduled for summer 2011.
- AwDC expansion population rollout scheduled for early 2012.

CHP+ at Work 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.

- Currently working on CBMS Amendment and MMIS to solidify launch date.
- Anticipate releasing RFP for vendor to sign-up employers for the CHP+ Premium Assistance program by January 2011.

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.

- Executed contract in August 2010.
- Currently has 32 employer groups representing 101 enrollees.

2. San Luis Valley Three Share (CarePoint)

The goal of CarePoint 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.

- Executed contract in August 2010.
- Currently has10 employer groups representing 48 enrollees.

Evidence-Based Benefit Design

HRSA SHAP funding will allow the Dr. A.J. Kauvar Foundation to 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.

- Contract with the Dr. A.J. Kauvar Foundation was executed in June 2010.

- Project name: Innovative Benefit Design (IBD) Pilot.
- Two advisory committees have been formed.
  - The Technical Advisory Work Group (TAWG) will be led by the IBD Medical Director and consist of physician leaders. This team will create the Benefit Design Tool
  - The Project Advisory Committee (PAC) will be reviewing overall project issues, including how the IBD Pilot fits with existing and future health care initiatives along with implementation of the Pilot.

Adult Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Pilot

The PCMH is an approach to providing continuous, comprehensive, coordinated care, with a partnership between families & patients and their personal healthcare team. Colorado Medicaid is one of seven participating payers who have partnered to support an Advanced Primary Care model and payment reform methodologies. The PCMH model realigns payment to include standard fee for service, a monthly care management fee and a bonus for meeting or exceeding quality outcomes. This 'blended' payment model shifts the focus of care delivery away from episodic care toward more comprehensive, holistic care and incorporates the characteristics associated with both lower costs and better outcomes. HRSA SHAP funding allows the Adult PCMH Pilot to focus on the Medicaid expansion for parents or guardians from 60 up to 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) which expands coverage for 43,500 low-income parents and was effective May 1, 2010 as a result of the "Colorado Health Care Affordability Act.".

- This project was added to CO-CHAMP in July 2010.