

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS HELP FAMILIES APPLY FOR MEDICAID AND CHP+

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DENVER – January 28, 2011 – The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing announced today that an online map is available for Coloradans to easily find organizations that can help them fill out applications for Medicaid and Child Health Plan *Plus*, or CHP+. By simply entering basic information, for example a zip code, a person can find organizations in their area that will help them fill out an application for public health insurance.

Within seconds, the online [Google-based map](#) displays all community organizations within proximity of the location entered. Clicking individual sites on the map provides office hours and contact information.

“Our community partners identified in the tool are committed to helping people who are potentially eligible for Medicaid or CHP+ with the first step toward receiving coverage,” says Sue Birch, executive director. “They have been specially trained on the application and our programs making them great ambassadors.”

The mapping tool was made possible through a grant from The Colorado Trust and developed by Colorado Interactive; no taxpayer dollars were used.

“Colorado ranks near the bottom of all states for the proportion of children covered by health insurance; the lack of coverage creates a significant barrier to families getting the care they need for their children to properly develop and stay healthy,” said Ned Calonge, MD, President and CEO, The Colorado Trust. “We are committed to finding solutions that address both the financial and human aspects of an effective health care system, and to making sure that Colorado children have every opportunity for good health and in turn, a good and productive life. By making it easier to connect with enrollment services, this mapping tool is providing a significant boost in helping people get the care they need, when they need it.”

About the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing: The department administers the Medicaid and Child Health Plan *Plus* programs as well as a variety of other programs for Colorado’s low-income, elderly and people with disabilities. The mission of the department is to improve access to cost-effective, quality health care services for Coloradans. For more information about the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, please visit Colorado.gov/hcpf.

About The Colorado Trust

[The Colorado Trust](#) is a grant making foundation dedicated to achieving access to health for all Coloradans. The foundation works closely with many partners across the state to ensure that all Coloradans have adequate health coverage and access to a responsive health care system,

including a sufficient supply of health care providers who deliver quality, affordable health care services. To learn more, visit <http://www.coloradotrust.org>.

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