

## Department of Health Care Policy and Financing 2008 Accomplishments

- Increased the number of insured Coloradans by covering over 30,000 more children and 10,000 more parents in the Medicaid and Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) programs since January 2007. The total increase in insured Coloradans represents enough people to fill the Pepsi Center two times.
- Reduced pharmacy costs by an estimated annualized \$4 million by implementing the Medicaid Preferred Drug List.
- Provided comprehensive health care, including linkages to community social programs (food, clothing, shelter), by enrolling over 60,000 children in a Medical Home. Sixty-eight certified provider practices provided accessible, continuous, family-centered, coordinated and culturally sensitive care.
- Expanded access to health care services to Colorado's low-income residents by awarding over \$2 million to ten health care providers.
- Recovered \$45 million of Medicaid payments from recovery efforts.
- Provided immediate health care access for an average of approximately 4,000 children per month as a result of the implementation of Presumptive Eligibility.
- Enrolled over 6,000 clients in disease management programs for clients with heart disease, lung disease, a high-risk pregnancy, diabetes, or weight management issues improving health outcomes and better control health care costs.
- Improved the quality of care received by Medicaid's highest-need, highest-cost clients by enrolling over 2,000 clients in a program that provides intensive care coordination and supplemental benefits – the Colorado Regional Integrated Care Collaborative (CRICC) sponsored by the Center for Health Care Strategies.
- Continued progress on improving the value of health care through the work of the Center for Improving Value in Health Care. The Center convened consumers, businesses, providers, insurance companies and state agencies to develop long-term strategies to improve health care quality and contain costs. Funding from The Commonwealth Fund was received providing the ability to create statewide quality measures.

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- Certified over 500 insurance brokers who helped over 2,000 middle-income families purchase affordable, quality long-term care insurance, reducing the need for families to rely on public programs. These policies are the result of the Colorado Long-Term Care Partnership – a public/private partnership of the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, the Division of Insurance, the Department of Human Services, advocates and long-term care insurers.
- Partnered with counties, providers, advocates and private vendors to decrease administrative burdens for families applying for public health insurance programs. Eligibility Modernization – along with streamlining the Colorado Benefits Management System – will result in more timely health care coverage and improved customer service.
- Partnered with the Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition and Family Voices Colorado and conducted statewide forums with people with disabilities. The forums generated ideas for Medicaid program improvements.
- Formed a Centennial Care Choices Program panel. The panel is charged with researching and recommending options for decreasing the number of uninsured Coloradans by creating a basic health insurance product providing an affordable health insurance option.

#### Future Plans

- Implement hospital provider fees to increase participating provider rates, receive new revenue to invest in health programs and improve access to health care, implement hospital provider fees.
- Publish the report on the Colorado Household Survey results. The report will include Colorado specific uninsurance rates, access to care, health status utilization and health insurance coverage. The report will provide essential information for in formulating health care reform policies.
- Implement Phase 2 of the Center for Improving Value in Health Care. Phase 2 will establish a permanent governance structure, appoint a formal steering committee of business and health care leaders, and carry out specific projects designed to improve the health care service delivery system.
- Research and pilot best practices to expedite enrollment into Medicaid long-term care programs.

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