

**NEW MEXICO TITLE XXI PROGRAM
FACT SHEET**

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Background

On May 19, 1998, New Mexico submitted its Title XXI plan to expand Medicaid eligibility under Title XIX for uninsured children from birth through age 18, from 186 to 235 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

Amendments

- On July 8, 1999, HCFA disapproved a State plan amendment whereby the State requested to utilize their remaining Title XXI funds for health services beyond the basic Medicaid benefit package for all Medicaid eligible children to 235 percent of the FPL.
- On August 1, 2000, New Mexico submitted a State plan amendment in which the State exempted Native American children from paying co-payments to access covered services.

- On October 16, 2001, New Mexico submitted a title XXI State plan amendment in which the State eliminated the requirement for a 12-month waiting period without health insurance coverage prior to enrollment in its title XIX Medicaid expansion program.
- On July 17, 2002, New Mexico submitted its fourth amendment, which updates and amends the SCHIP State Plan to indicate the State's compliance with the final SCHIP regulations.
- On February 24, 2005, New Mexico submitted its fifth amendment to eliminate all references in its State Plan related to cost sharing. Cost-sharing references were removed because they should not be addressed in the SCHIP State Plan. The cost-sharing requirements were approved under Section 1115 demonstration authority and are subject to demonstration Special Terms and Conditions (STC), rather than the SCHIP State Plan.

Children Covered Under the Program

The State reported that 18,841 children were ever enrolled in its Medicaid expansion during Federal Fiscal Year 2003.

Administration

The New Mexico Human Services Department, Medical Assistance Division, administers the program.

Health Care Delivery System

Services are provided through the current Medicaid delivery system that is a statewide managed care program operated under 1915(b) waivers.

Benefit Package

The current Medicaid benefit package is provided.

Crowd-Out Strategy

The State abolished, by State plan amendment, the 12-month waiting period in the Medicaid expansion program effective July 1, 2001. New Mexico is continuing to track children who drop insurance or have other insurance coverage prior to enrolling in the Medicaid expansion program. The State submitted a section 1115 demonstration proposal, currently under review by CMS, that when approved will implement a 6-month waiting period without health insurance coverage prior to enrollment in its title XXI funded Medicaid expansion program.

State Outreach and Enrollment Activities

New Mexico is implementing the Presumptive Eligibility (PE) option enacted by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. The requirement that the PE providers complete a Medicaid On-Site

Application Assistance (MOSAA) application with each PE determination will further assure Medicaid eligibility access. The MOSAA process allows the PE providers to assist the PE recipient in completion of the actual Medicaid application and gathering of the necessary documentation. The PE provider documents interview information, and the application package is forwarded to the local Income Support Division (ISD) office for final processing.

The New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) is partnering with the Department of Health to provide publicity campaign via a private contractor. SCHIP outreach will be coordinated with other public health outreach.

The Department issues Salud! Newsletters with a wide and varied circulation list. These newsletters address SCHIP implementation.

The State assures SCHIP access to Native Americans via a variety of mechanisms including assuring that all Indian Health Service facilities in the State are trained and actively participating in the MOSAA program and working to assist Native Americans in their efforts to design and implement a Native American Health Maintenance Organization.

Financial Information

Total FFY 2005 SCHIP Allotment -- \$42,156,779

FFY 2005 Enhanced Federal Matching Rate -- 82.01

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