

**NEBRASKA TITLE XXI PROGRAM  
FACT SHEET**

<b>Name of Plan:</b>	<b>Kids Connection</b>
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**Background**

- On May 13, 1998, Nebraska submitted a Title XXI State Plan, Kids Connection Phase I, to expand Medicaid eligibility for individuals age 15 through 18 to 100 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL).

**Amendments**

- On August 1, 1998, Nebraska submitted an amendment to implement Phase II of Kids Connection, to expand Medicaid eligibility for children through age 18 up to 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).
- Nebraska submitted its second amendment on June 27, 2002. This amendment updates and amends the CHIP State plan to indicate the State's compliance with the final CHIP regulations.
- On August 14, 2009, Nebraska submitted its third amendment to implement Phase III of Kids Connection, to expand the income eligibility level for children through age 18 with family income from 185 percent of the FPL up to and including 200 percent of the FPL.

## **Children Covered Under the Program**

- The program estimates 5,430 children will benefit from this eligibility expansion in Federal fiscal year 2009. The State reported that there were 48,827 children ever enrolled in CHIP during FFY 2008.

## **Administration**

- The Title XXI Program is administered by the Nebraska Health and Human Services System.

## **Health Care Delivery System**

- The existing Medicaid delivery system is used to provide services.

## **Benefit Package**

- The Medicaid benefit package is provided.

## **Cost Sharing**

- There are no cost-sharing requirements.

## **Crowd-Out Strategy**

- The State has established a committee that will monitor families who drop private coverage. Should crowd out prove to be an issue, the State will consider appropriate action.

## **Outreach Activities**

- A number of outreach efforts have been developed for Kids Connection which include, but are not limited to the following:
  - Using a shortened, single-purpose Medicaid application form;
  - Allowing mail-in application forms;
  - Improving access by not requiring a resource test for this group of children;
  - Working with advocacy agencies in disseminating information on Medicaid/CHIP eligibility, the application process, etc. to the low-income community; and
  - Using informational pamphlets.

## **Financial Information**

Total FFY '09 CHIP Allotment: \$41,955,100  
FFY '10 Enhanced Federal Matching Rate: 72.39%

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