

**Colorado Title XXI Health Insurance and Flexibility Act (HIFA)
1115 Fact Sheet**

Name of Program: Adult Prenatal Coverage in CHP+ and Premium Assistance Pilot Program.

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BACKGROUND

On September 27, 2002, Colorado was approved for the “Adult Prenatal Coverage in CHP+,” for a four-year period through October 1, 2006. The State was permitted to use title XXI funds to expand coverage to uninsured pregnant women with family incomes above 133 percent up to and including 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Coverage is for the duration of the pregnancy and up to 60 days postpartum.

AMENDMENTS

An amendment was approved on July 1, 2006, increasing the FPL for pregnant women up to and including 200 percent of the FPL.

EXTENSION

Colorado requested an extension on February 27, 2006, under section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act. Under the extension, Colorado will continue to cover pregnant women and also provide SCHIP eligible children with family incomes up to and including 200 percent of the FPL with the option of receiving premium assistance through their parent’s employer. The State will subsidize premium assistance through a per child subsidy. Parents of these children can be incidentally covered if the per child subsidy is adequate to cover the entire family premium. The extension period will run from October 1, 2006 until September 30, 2009 and premium assistance component will be implemented on October 1, 2006.

BENEFITS

Pregnant Women

The benefit package for pregnant women is a comprehensive benefit package and includes: emergency and urgent care; emergency transportation, inpatient/outpatient hospital treatment and physician visits; laboratory and xrays; preventive and maternity care; alcohol and substance abuse; and prescription drugs.

Children

Colorado has requested a waiver of the benefit package requirements of Section 2103 of the Social Security Act (SSA) for children who opt to enroll in premium assistance. Benefits will vary by the commercial health care plan products provided by each employer. As stipulated in SCHIP regulations (§457.410), however, Colorado will ensure that all participating employers cover well-baby/well-child care services; age-appropriate immunizations; and emergency services, at a minimum. Because these employers may offer fewer benefits than those provided through SCHIP direct coverage, children may opt out and enroll in direct coverage at any time.

COST SHARING

Pregnant Women

Pregnant women with family incomes between 151 percent through 200 percent of the FPL will continue to have the following copayments: \$3 for physician, mental health, vision and physical/occupational or speech therapy visits; \$3 for generic pharmaceuticals, \$5 for brand name pharmaceuticals; and \$15 for emergency or after hour urgent care visits.

Pregnant women with family incomes from 134 percent through 150 percent of the FPL will continue to have the following copayments: \$2 per physician, mental health, vision and physical/occupational or speech therapy visits; \$1 dollar per prescription; and \$3 per emergency or after hour urgent care visits.

Children

Colorado has requested a waiver of the Section 2103(e) cost sharing requirements for children that opt to enroll in the ESI program. Children will be subject to the cost sharing of the employee health plan and the cost sharing amounts will not be limited to the title XXI cost sharing limit of five percent of family income. The State will assist families in making an informed choice between their children remaining in direct coverage, or enrolling in premium assistance, through their employer. Specifically, families will be given information on the differences between the cost sharing requirements and families will be provided the option to withdraw their children from the ESI and enroll them in direct coverage at any time.

DELIVERY SYSTEM

Pregnant women will receive benefits through the fee-for-service system. Children, whose parents have employer sponsored insurance, will have the option of enrolling in the premium assistance pilot program. This will be in lieu of receiving benefits through direct coverage. Children will be allowed to move back to direct coverage at any time during their eligibility period without cause.

Under the premium assistance pilot program the State will target health plans that already provide coverage to Medicaid and/or SCHIP. The State will target employer groups that have a relatively large number of low-income workers who could qualify for SCHIP. The State also will seek to partner with those health plans that already provide coverage to Medicaid and/or SCHIP enrollees, so that they can more easily develop the enrollment and accounting processes.

ENROLLMENT

During the three-year renewal period, Colorado estimates that an additional 7,136 pregnant women will gain coverage, and 200 children will be enrolled under the premium assistance program.

FUNDING PROJECTIONS

All pregnant women and children under the demonstration will be funded by available title XXI allotments. The State projects total program costs for the three-year period of this demonstration to be \$29,130,856 (State plan and demonstration costs). The Federal share of demonstration-only costs is estimated to be \$18,935,056.

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