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Health Reform in Colorado Children's Hospital

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Federal Health Care Reform

- The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (H.R. 3590) was signed into law on March 23, 2010 by President Obama.
 - Signaling that “Business As Usual” is over
 - Helping all find value –pay for value rather than volume
- Provisions can be categorized into 4 broad buckets

HEALTH REFORM

- Coverage
 - 133% of poverty for Medicaid (\$29,000 for family of four)
 - Subsidies for those below 400% of poverty
 - 500,000 people
 - Increased funding for community health centers (11b over 5 years)
 - Increased funding of primary care workforce
 - Increased Dual Eligible Benefit Coordination

HEALTH REFORM

- Cost Containment
 - Improved access to proven preventive services
 - Accountable Care Collaborative
 - Transitions of Care
 - Medical Homes
 - Chronic Care Management

HEALTH REFORM

- Insurance Accountability
 - Bans denials due to pre-existing conditions
 - No more dropping patients when they get sick
 - Ends lifetime Caps
 - Ends recissions
 - Provides tax credits for small businesses
 - Offers free preventive care
- Fraud and abuse

HEALTH REFORM AND CHILDREN

- Extends/ enhances CHP+ funding
- Preventative services including oral and vision
 - Dental sealants
- Enhanced Medical Home
- Payment bonus for primary care practitioners
- Increased funding of CHCs and SBHCs
- Reduction of obesity rates in children
- Bans denials due to pre-existing conditions for children right away
- Extends dependent coverage
- Increased funding for home visitation programs for children and families who reside in at risk communities

COLORADO

- Health care has been a priority of Governor Ritter
 - Focus of Colorado Promise
 - Colorado Healthcare Affordability Act
 - 130,000 by 2012
 - May 1 - kids and pregnant women to 250% and parents to 100%
 - Foundation for reform in Colorado
- CO's goal in reform
 - Improved health by 2020

EXECUTIVE ORDER

- Through an Executive Order:
 - Created the Interagency Health Reform Implementing Board
 - Inter-departmental
 - Departments most impacted by health reform
 - Appointed a Director of Health Reform Implementation

EXECUTIVE ORDER

- Charge:
 - Develop a strategic implementation plan
 - Outreach to and engage stakeholders
 - Provide accountability and transparency
 - Pursue federal and state grants to assist in implementing
 - Coordinate efforts of the state agencies

ACTIVITY

- High Risk Pool – GettingUSCovered.org
 - 4,000 Coloradans
 - Funded through premiums and federal funds
 - A bridge to 2014
 - Over 200 enrolled since July 6

EXCHANGES

- The goals of the community forum process included:
 - Build shared understanding about Exchanges
 - Seek and collect input from wide range of stakeholders
 - 5 forums in Denver, 4 outstate
 - Gather information to develop a “Stakeholder Perspective” document that can inform the efforts of the general assembly

EXCHANGES

- Perspective to date:
 - Organize the marketplace to ensure access for consumers and small businesses
 - Transparency, affordability, and sustainable
 - Information available through multiple sources
 - Meaningful choices
 - Value
 - Maximize participation and minimize adverse selection
 - Maximize coverage and seamlessness

EXCHANGES

- Creation of essential benefit package
 - prescription drugs, rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices, mental health services, and chronic disease management services
 - Allows states to add on benefits at their own cost
- Potential of regional options with other states
- Need legislation in 2011
 - Authority
 - Governance

CHALLENGES AND THOUGHTS

- Challenges
 - Administrative dollars
 - Timing
 - Changing relationships
 - Alignment of priorities
- Moving forward
 - Flexibility important
 - Efficiencies
 - Pilots to policies
 - Patience

Questions / Answers



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