

IOWA TITLE XXI PROGRAM & TITLE XXI AMENDMENT FACT SHEET

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Background

- On June 1, 1998, Iowa submitted a Title XXI State Plan to provide health insurance coverage to uninsured children through an expansion of the State's Title XIX Medicaid program. The plan provides Medicaid coverage to children ages 6 through 18 in families with income up to 133 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL).

Amendments

- On February 25, 1999, the State submitted an amendment, effective January 1, 1999, to its approved Title XXI plan. This amendment, entitled the hawk-i program, is the non-Medicaid component of Iowa's SCHIP program. Hawk-i provides health care coverage, via contracts with commercial health care plans, to children whose family income does not exceed 185 percent of the FPL.
- On December 29, 1999, the State submitted an amendment, effective October 1, 1999, to its approved Title XXI plan. This amendment allows for a 20-percent deduction to earned income in determining eligibility for the hawk-i program, and includes an additional managed health care plan, Unity Choice from Wellmark Health Plan of Iowa.
- On March 8, 2000, the State submitted an amendment, effective February 1, 2000, to its approved Title XXI plan. This amendment adds a third managed health care plan, John Deere Health Plan to selected counties in Iowa. The amendment also removes cost sharing for American Indian/Alaska Native children, and also allows a deduction for depreciation of capital assets when considering self-employment income.
- On September 27, 2000, the State submitted an amendment to its approved Title XXI plan. This amendment expands coverage under the Medicaid program for infants up to 1 year of age in families with income at or below 200 percent of the FPL. In addition, it expands coverage under the hawk-i program to children up to age 19 in families with income at or below 200 percent of the FPL.
- On September 20, 2001, the State submitted an amendment to its approved Title XXI plan. Unity Choice from Wellmark Health Plan of Iowa is no longer participating as a managed health plan in hawk-i. The Iowa counties that Unity Choice had been covering are now covered by John Deere Health Plan of Iowa, Iowa Health Solutions, or Classic Blue from Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Iowa.
- On June 26, 2002, the State submitted an amendment to update and amend the SCHIP State Plan to indicate the State's compliance with the final SCHIP regulations.
- On August 13, 2003, the State submitted an amendment to eliminate the 6-month waiting period for uninsured children who have been insured through an employer sponsored health plan in the 6 months prior to application for hawk-i and to indicate the expansion of Iowa Health Solutions coverage under the State's hawk-i program to two additional counties. This amendment also updates the effective date in the State Plan to specify when Iowa began allowing depreciation of capital assets as a deduction to self-employment income.

Children Covered Under Program

- The State reported that 21,133 children were ever enrolled in hawk-i and 13,373 were ever enrolled in Iowa's Medicaid Expansion program during Federal fiscal year 2002.

Administration

- The Department of Human Services (DHS) has contracted with a third-party administrator to provide, at a minimum, the following services for the non-Medicaid SCHIP (hawk-i): distributes applications; determines eligibility; screens for Medicaid eligibility and coordinates with Medicaid Eligibility Worker; calculates, bills, and collects cost sharing; assists the family in selecting a health plan and enrolling the child in the selected plan; gathers encounter data from the health plans; and provides DHS with demographic, statistical, and encounter data for Federal reporting.

Health Care Delivery System

- For the hawk-i program, the State contracts with commercial insurers. Both indemnity and managed care plans may participate.

Benefit Package

- The hawk-i program provides a benchmark plan that is equivalent to the Iowa State employees benefit package.

Cost Sharing

- Hawk-i premiums are \$10 per child per month, with a maximum of \$20 per family for families whose countable income is equal to or greater than 150 percent of the FPL.
- Families whose countable income is equal to or greater than 150 percent of the FPL shall be assessed a \$25 copayment for each emergency room visit if the child's medical condition does not meet the definition of emergency medical condition.

State Action to Avoid Crowd Out

- The State monitors for substitution by asking insurance history questions on the application form, which is then tracked by the State's third party administrator.

Coordination between SCHIP and Medicaid

- All applications are screened for Medicaid eligibility and the presence of health insurance coverage. The hawk-i application is also used as an application for Medicaid benefits. If it appears that the child is eligible for Medicaid, the hawk-i application will be forwarded to the Eligibility Worker for obtaining the social security number, any necessary child support information, and an eligibility review.
- If the applicant is not Medicaid eligible, hawk-i eligibility is determined. If the child has health insurance coverage and is not Medicaid-eligible, coverage under hawk-i is denied.

Outreach Activities

- The State has been educating the public about hawk-i through presentations by staff at various conferences and organizational meetings (school nurse's conferences, Des Moines Chamber of Commerce, Women, Infant, and Children Program, Headstart).
- DHS and the Department of Education through an interagency agreement connected participants in the Free and Reduced Meals Program with referrals to hawk-i. A Back-to-School Radio Campaign was held, which was also advertised in Spanish.
- Multiple outreach activities are taking place in Iowa to reach multiple audiences, at both the statewide and local level. Iowa provides outreach to schools, physicians, childcare agencies, employers, and insurance agencies to name a few.

Financial Information

Total FFY '04 SCHIP Allotment -- \$19,703,423
FFY '04 Enhanced Matching Rate -- 74.75%

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