

**PENNSYLVANIA TITLE XXI PROGRAM &  
TITLE XXI AMENDMENT FACT SHEET**

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**Background**

- Pennsylvania is one of three states whose comprehensive benefit package was cited by Title XXI, section 2103(a)(3) as having sufficient coverage to meet the requirements for a State Children's Health Insurance Plan.

**Amendments**

- The State's first amendment, approved on October 29, 1998, expanded eligibility to children with family incomes at or below 200 percent of the FPL, eliminated cost sharing, and moved administration of the program to the Pennsylvania Insurance Department.

- The second amendment, approved on March 7, 2000, expanded the income eligibility by allowing a work expense deduction and day-care expenses to be subtracted from gross earnings. The State projected that an additional 16,000 would be enrolled in the program as a result of implementing this amendment.
- The third amendment, also approved on March 7, 2000, expanded the benefit package by including outpatient mental health services, disposable medical supplies, inpatient and outpatient substance abuse services, and rehabilitation services.
- The fourth amendment, submitted on September 22, 2000, expanded the benefit package to include prenatal care and pre-pregnancy family services and supplies.
- Pennsylvania submitted its fifth amendment on June 28, 2002. This amendment updates and amends the SCHIP state plan to indicate the State's compliance with the final SCHIP regulations.
- The sixth amendment was submitted on December 19, 2003. This amendment increases the work income disregard from \$90 per month to \$120 per month to be consistent with the State's Medicaid Program.

### **Children Covered Under the Program**

- The State reported that 160,015 children were ever enrolled in its program during Federal Fiscal Year 2003.

### **Administration**

- PA CHIP is administered by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department.

### **Health Care Delivery System**

- Managed care contracts cover most areas of the State. Less than 5 percent of enrollees in rural areas do not have access to managed care and are served through fee for service.

### **Benefit Package**

- The benefit package is the PA CHIP benefit package that was implemented prior to SCHIP. Pennsylvania is one of three states whose comprehensive benefit package was cited by Title XXI as having sufficient coverage to meet the requirements for a State Children's Health Insurance Plan. Services include: inpatient hospitalization; outpatient services; physician services; surgical services; clinic services; prescription drugs; laboratory and radiological services; inpatient and outpatient mental health services; inpatient and outpatient substance abuse services; durable medical equipment; home and community-based health care services; nursing care services; dental services; case management; physical, occupational, and speech therapy; hospice care; and ambulance services when medically necessary.

## **Cost Sharing**

- There is no cost sharing.

## **Coordination between SCHIP and Medicaid**

- PA CHIP managed care contractors and local Medicaid offices accept applications for the SCHIP program. If the application is sent to a managed care contractor, the contractor first screens applicants for Medicaid. If the applicant appears to be Medicaid eligible, the managed care contractor forwards the application to the appropriate Medicaid eligibility office and notifies the family that the application has been forwarded. If the application is sent to a local Medicaid office, the office first determines Medicaid eligibility. If the application is denied for Medicaid, it is sent to a PA CHIP managed care contractor for SCHIP determination. Families are also notified in this instance that they have been denied for Medicaid but that their application has been forwarded to PA CHIP.
- Eligibility criteria for Medicaid and PA CHIP are comparable in order to simplify the screening process. There are also several official versions of an application for health care benefits that can be used for determination of eligibility for either PA CHIP or Medicaid, including a common application form for both programs.

## **State Action to Avoid Crowd Out**

- The State monitors crowd-out by asking about private insurance coverage on the application and renewal form, and data matches are made against private insurance files. This data is used to monitor the amount of substitution over time.

## **Outreach Activities**

- Each of the health insurance companies under contract provides a range of outreach activities. Outreach activities include canvassing local businesses, day care centers, school districts, hospitals, providers, legislative offices, religious organizations and churches, social service agencies, unions, and civic groups.
- The Department of Insurance coordinates with the Department of Public Welfare and Department of Health on various outreach activities, including a toll-free telephone Help Line and community-based outreach grants.

## **Financial Information**

Total FFY '04 Allotment -- \$87,023,654  
FFY '04 Enhanced Federal Matching Rate -- 68.33%

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