

WYOMING TITLE XXI PROGRAM FACT SHEET

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Background

- On August 5, 1999, Wyoming submitted their initial SCHIP State plan to establish a separate child health program. The initial state plan provided coverage to children up to age 19 in families with family incomes up to 133 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), who are not eligible for Medicaid.
- Wyoming's Medicaid program, EqualityCare, covers children through age 5 up to 133 percent of the FPL and children ages 6 through age 18 up to 100 percent of the FPL.
- Wyoming's approved program, Kid Care CHIP, extends coverage to children in families with incomes from 134 to 185 percent of the FPL. Kid Care CHIP offers children a Secretary-approved benefit package through a private insurance carrier.

Amendments

- Wyoming submitted its first amendment on March 16, 2001. This amendment established Kid Care C to provide coverage to children between 134 and 150 percent of the FPL through coverage obtained from eligible employers' plans or from the private health insurance market. Kid Care C was never implemented.
- Wyoming submitted its second amendment on June 20, 2002. This amendment updates and amends the SCHIP state plan to indicate the State's compliance with the final SCHIP regulations.

- Wyoming submitted its third amendment on April 1, 2003. This amendment extends coverage to children with family incomes from 134 to 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), amends the State's Secretary-approved benefit package, replaces the current Medicaid look-alike benefit package with the amended Secretary-approved benefit package, and implements cost sharing.

Children Covered Under the Program

- The State reported that 5,059 children were ever enrolled in its program during Federal fiscal year 2002.

Administration

- The Community and Family Health Division of the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH), working closely with the Kid Care coalition, administers the state's separate child health program, Kid Care CHIP.

Health Care Delivery System

- The delivery system through which both Medicaid and Kid Care CHIP operate is a fee for service model. The penetration rate for managed care is low in Wyoming and there is no Medicaid managed care program or a primary care case management program.
- WDH will contract with one private insurance company to provide insurance coverage to Kid Care CHIP participants.

Benefit Package

- Benefits provided under Kid Care CHIP are through Secretary-approved coverage.
- The benefit package includes well-baby and well-child services, immunizations, emergency services, inpatient and outpatient care, prescription drugs, diagnostic services, dental services, vision, and inpatient and outpatient mental health and substance abuse treatment and services.

Crowd-Out Strategy

- An applicant is ineligible for Kid Care CHIP if the applicant has voluntarily terminated their group health plan or individual coverage within the month prior to the application date for coverage.
- If a parent who is providing the primary insurance is fired, laid off, can no longer work because of a disability, or has a lapse in insurance coverage because he/she obtains new employment, the child may be eligible for Kid Care CHIP.

Cost Sharing

- There are no premiums or deductibles. For physician office visits, emergency room visits, and outpatient hospital visits, there is a \$5 co-payment. There is a \$3 co-payment for generic prescription drugs and a \$5 co-payment for brand name prescription drugs.

State Outreach and Enrollment Activities

- Wyoming Kid Care uses an outreach and marketing campaign developed under the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation "Covering Kids and Families" grant to inform families of children likely to be eligible for Kid Care or other public or private health coverage programs.
- The Covering Kids and Families statewide coalition includes representatives from child advocacy organizations, education organizations, health care provider associations, the insurance industry, and other public and private providers who are concerned with children's health. Direct appeals are made using press releases, public service announcements, print media, radio and television, and printed materials.

Coordination Between SCHIP and Medicaid

- All Kid Care Plans use a single eligibility form. The application contains the information necessary to determine eligibility for all Kid Care programs. The application is screened for EqualityCare (Medicaid) eligibility prior to determining eligibility for Kid Care CHIP.

Financial Information

Total FFY '03 SCHIP Allotment --\$5,480,750

FFY '03 Enhanced Federal Matching Rate -- 72.92%

FFY '04 Enhanced Federal Matching Rate -- 71.84%

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