

Email Received: 08-13-02  
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Angela,

Here are the 3 revised pages you requested and the following confirmation:

The state is not finding a child eligible for the Idaho SCHIP Medicaid expansion if the child is covered under a group health plan or health insurance coverage and does not deny coverage based on "access" to private health insurance coverage.

### **Revised Section 2.2.2**

- Work with Mountain States Group, a private non-profit corporation, in developing and implementing a successful proposal for funding through The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Covering Kids Initiative to increase enrollment of uninsured children in health insurance programs.
  - DHW staff worked with Mountain States Group staff on the initial application for Covering Kids funding from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
  - DHW staff participates on the Covering Kids Coalitions at the statewide level and in the project's two pilot communities.
  - DHW's CHIP Outreach Coordinator and the Covering Kids Director meet regularly to coordinate outreach efforts.
  - DHW staff have engaged in joint outreach efforts with Covering Kids staff at the state and regional levels.
  - The Covering Kids Director serves on the DHW CHIP Quality Improvement Committee.

### **Revised Section 9.10- page 37**

9.10. Provide a one year projected budget. A suggested financial form for the budget is attached. The budget must describe: (Section 2107(d)) (42CFR 457.140)

- Planned use of funds, including --
  - Projected amount to be spent on health services;
  - Projected amount to be spent on administrative costs, such as outreach, child health initiatives, and evaluation; and
  - Assumptions on which the budget is based, including cost per child and expected enrollment.
- Projected sources of non-Federal plan expenditures, including any requirements for cost-sharing by enrollees.

The source for the non-Federal share of expenditures comes from state general revenue funds as appropriated by the Idaho Legislature.

The budget for this program in state fiscal year 1999 was \$4,436,081. The average monthly number of children enrolled in Title XXI was 3,100 at an average cost of 108.41 per month per enrollee. Through aggressive outreach the Title XXI program is enrolling more uninsured children and Idaho projects that during FFY '01, the average monthly enrollment will be 7,250 children. Using the current monthly cost per enrollee, Idaho projects that the budget for FFY '01 will be \$10,374,837. 10% of the budget is allocated to administrative costs and 90% is allocated to services.

To estimate the cost of itemized services for FFY'01, the actual costs by service category in SFY 99 were used as a basis. Then, the percentage for that category of the total cost of services was figured. That percentage was used to estimate the potential cost per service category for FFY '01.

Table 9.2 illustrates the actual and proposed budgets (as of 1999). [Table 9.3 illustrates the actual budget for FY2001.](#)

### **Revised Section 5- page 20**

DHW has determined that to reach the target group families, education should be directed to the following groups:

- Schools
- Culturally Diverse Groups
- HeadStart/Child Care Providers
- Maternal Child Health Programs
- Health Care Providers
- Child Advocacy Groups

Idaho has developed a multi-dimensional approach to outreach including but not limited to:

- Building on existing regional successes through emphasis on targeted, grass-roots outreach.
- State level coordination across all DHW Divisions. The state level has an internal project work team with representatives across DHW described in Section 2.2.
- Establishment of a virtual resource network for CHIP. Membership will include all planning partners from throughout Idaho. The network will provide for ongoing dialogue and collaboration about program direction.
- Supporting regional efforts by supplying professionally designed promotional materials
- Provision of technical assistance to regional efforts through educational support teams
- Provision of funding through targeted community education grants. DHW has earmarked a minimum of \$100,000 for minority population education.

- Use of Vista Volunteers. Vista workers will be used for CHIP community outreach and education efforts.

Regional activities are based on a regional plan. The plan is developed and implemented under the direction of the Vista Leader with the assistance of Healthy Connection Staff. The Healthy Connections staff is part of the Division of Medicaid but located in regional offices. The staff has primary responsibility for Medicaid's Primary Care Case Management Program. The planning process is intended to bring interested stakeholders to the table to share ideas and enhance coordination of outreach/education/enrollment for CHIP throughout the region. The regional plan includes at a minimum:

- Targeted groups for the region
- Message and approach for reaching each group including strategic outreach partners i.e. schools, HeadStart, WIC
- Potential partners to assist enrollees in completing applications i.e. hospitals, primary care clinics
- Potential business partners and recruitment strategy to involve these partners
- Potential staff resources