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Covering Kids and Families PA

News on Covering Kids and Families-Pennsylvania, a project to reach and enroll uninsured children in children's health insurance programs

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RWJ offers grants for overcoming language barriers

Health care providers and systems can apply for a new Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant to develop and test interpretation methods for Latinos with limited English proficiency.

"Hablamos Juntos" – Spanish for "We speak together" – is designed to improve patient-provider communications by creating models for interpretation and translation in delivering services, as well as in signs, print materials, and other communication vehicles. Designed for state health agencies, health systems or health departments, the grants will fund the develop-

ment of culturally appropriate translations and materials, translation services and interpreters, and cultural sensitivity training for health care staff.

The \$10 million effort will award \$1 million in two phases for up to 10 health care provider organizations in communities with new and fast-growing Latino populations. Participants are expected to provide a minimum 25 percent match.

The application deadline is Feb. 5. For information, follow the "New Calls for Proposals" link at www.rwjf.org.

PPC seeks Covering Kids and Families partner

Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children is seeking a partner for the Part 2 Adult Coverage portion of the Covering Kids and Families grant. A suitable candidate will be a statewide organization with expertise and experience in adult coverage, system simplification, and organization.

For a copy of the RFP and application

guidelines, contact Ann Bacharach, annbach@papartnerships.org, or Jim Martin, jmartin@papartnerships.org; (800)257-2030. For information on the Covering Kids and Families Part 2 Adult Coverage grant, visit the Covering Kids Web site at www.coveringkids.org. Application deadline is Feb. 8.

Resources: New information on health care issues

Low-literacy models online

Maximus, under contract with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (the former HCFA), has developed model applications and client notices for low-literacy populations in both English and Spanish. Their materials and information on designing literacy-sensitive materials are available

at www.smerf.maximus.com

Kaiser Family Foundation: Health care information

The Kaiser Family Foundation offers several resources at www.kff.org, including:

- Reports on health coverage, including a recent brief on the effects of rising

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unemployment on health coverage status, developed by Kaiser's Center for Medicaid and the Uninsured.

- Information on managed care, health insurance coverage and the uninsured, Medicaid, Medicare, women's health, minority health, and HIV/AIDS in all 50 states, part of Kaiser's State Health Facts Online.
- Studies on media coverage of health issues and how health care consumers get their information.

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities has published several reports on SCHIP funding, economic stimulus and health coverage, and Medicaid's impact on state budgets. Reports are available at www.cbpp.org.

Urban Institute: Family coverage report

The Urban Institute's report, *Patterns of Child-Parent Insurance Coverage: Implications for Coverage Expansions*, is available at www.urban.org, under What's new?/November 2001.

Congressional Black Caucus Foundation: New site on African-American health

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation has unveiled a new Web site to address issues concerning African-American health. The Web site will provide public policy discussions, news, data and references concerning the health arena and African-Americans. Topics on the site, found at www.cbcfhealth.org, include AIDS/HIV, asthma, mental health and health care.

H&R Block: Health outreach

Covering Kids and H&R Block, the tax preparation firm, have developed a national partnership to give state-specific information on health coverage programs to families who appear to be income-eligible. Information provided straight from H&R Block offices includes program names, eligibility guidelines and where to apply.



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Save the date

The Covering Kids Coalition will meet on Wednesday, March 6, 2002, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Harrisburg Hilton.

In the next issue

The next issue of *Covering Kids PA* will feature reports on two pilot test projects:

- The Delaware Valley Health Care Council's pilot test of self-declaration of income through the Philadelphia School District.
- Consumer Health Coalition's preliminary results from the pilot test of combining the free and reduced-price school meals application with a health coverage application.