Timeline Tuesday
Data Snapshot: Health Coverage

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HEALTH COVERAGE TIMELINE

CHIP
The State Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is initiated as part of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, expanding coverage to children in low-income families who do not qualify for Medicaid.

MEDICAID
Title XIX of the Social Security Act establishes Medicaid, ensuring low-income families with children are insured.

1965

1997

2010

2017

2019

next

ACA
The Affordable Care Act (ACA) passes, providing states the authority to expand Medicaid eligibility and standardizing the rules for determining eligibility and providing benefits through Medicaid.

FUNDING
CHIP funding lapses for 114 days during a federal Congressional standoff before the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 passes, funding CHIP for 10 additional years.

ACAO

ACA IN DELAWARE
Legislation passes to codify various ACA consumer protections into Delaware state law, ensuring that if the ACA is ever repealed or changed, its consumer protections will remain in effect in Delaware.

GOALS
Health coverage for 100% of Delaware’s children.
CHILDREN WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE

Delaware Compared to U.S.

Percentage of Children (0-17) without Health Insurance

Source: Current Population Survey, provided by Center for Applied Demography and Survey Research, University of Delaware
Medicaid Enrollment
by Age Group, Fiscal Year 2018

- Under 6: 13%
- 6 to 18: 27%
- 19 to 25: 9%
- 26 to 34: 13%
- 35 to 44: 9%
- 45 to 54: 9%
- 55 to 64: 11%
- 65 to 74: 5%
- 75 and over: 4%

Source: UD Center for Community Research and Service, 2020; data from American Community Survey, 2018, 1 Year Estimates
Percent Covered by Medicaid <19
2014-2018 Average

Source: UD Center for Community Research and Service, 2020; data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2014-2018 American Community Survey
Challenges

- COVID-19
  - Disruption of both the formal/informal systems that generally identify and respond to children’s risks
  - Social determinants of health
  - Health utilization/access
Vaccinations

- Based on April data.
- Data since April seems to show some rebound.

Lead Testing

• Upper Midwest, Northeast and parts of the West Coast
• 50% decline between Spring 2019 and Spring 2020
• Michigan – 75% decline

FFCRA and CARES

- Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)
  - increases temporarily the Federal Medicaid Matching rate (FMAP) by 6.2 percentage points for all states
- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), March 27, 2020
  - states cannot terminate Medicaid coverage for beneficiaries for failure to pay premiums and still get the temporary increase in FMAP
Increased Medicaid Enrollment

• States report increases in total Medicaid enrollment over the three-month period from the beginning of March to the beginning of June.

• Great Recession – non-elderly adults increased 1.3%; CHIP rose by 4.8%.

• States experiencing deficits; increased enrollment will stress state budgets

Health Affairs, August 2020.
https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/hlthaff.2020.00900#:~:text=All%20states%20reported%20increases%20in,to%20the%20beginning%20of%20June.&text=All%20states%20saw%20enrollment%20increase,of%20more%20than%20six%20percent.
Most States Recorded a Jump in Medicaid Enrollment

New federal data shows how enrollment changed from the beginning of March to April. Kentucky showed the largest rate of growth and only five states did not see an increase.

CCRS, 2020; produced from data from data.Medicaid.gov monthly enrollment
Telehealth

• Expanding populations
• Allowing new services
• Payment rates and cost sharing
• Broadening provider types to deliver services

Telehealth

- *Delaware Medicaid covers telehealth for most services/providers*
- *Now allows 2-way “real time” and telephonic*
- *The patient must be informed and given an opportunity to request an in-person assessment before receiving a telehealth assessment.*

Telehealth

• **Plus – in a time of pandemic, keeps patients/providers safe**

• **Negative – internet connectivity issues, privacy, certain services don’t “work” over telehealth**

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