

Information for the IA Choice Advisory Council

September 17, 2008

The Iowa Choice Advisory Council requested information from DHS in order to assist the Council in developing strategies for health care coverage. Attached is the requested information.

Number of Uninsured: a chart with the number of uninsured children and adults before and after implementation of HF 2539. This information was provided by the Lewin Group in their Report to the Legislative Commission on Affordable Health Care Plans for Small Business and Families on pages 9 and 12.

Types of Care Covered: a chart summarizing the current coverage of Medicaid and hawk-i. This chart can serve as a reference point for developing health care coverage for kids who do not have comprehensive health care benefits.

How IA Children Qualify for Medicaid: a summary page and chart showing that children are eligible for Medicaid in two ways: Age, Income and/or Disability.

Strategies to Keep People in Medicaid and hawk-i: what DHS is doing to make it easier for people to remain in Medicaid and hawk-i.

Financing/Payment Strategies: a list of the various financing options that the IA Choice Advisory Council may utilize in order to develop strategies for health care coverage.

Appendix: Number of Children Receiving or Waiting for Waiver Services

Number of Uninsured Children

The following is information provided by the Lewin Group Report (page 9) regarding the estimated number of uninsured children broken out by Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

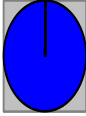
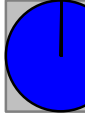

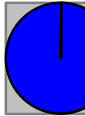
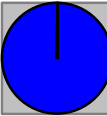


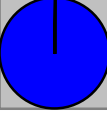

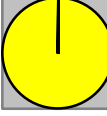
<u>FPL</u>	<u>Uninsured kids</u> (before HF 2539 implemented)	<u>Number of newly insured kids because of HF 2539</u>	<u>Remaining Uninsured kids</u> (after HF 2539 implemented)
Below 150%	17,623	14,740	2,883
150-199%	7,639	7,347	292
200-249%	4,252	3,934	318
250-299%	4,546	3,835	711
300-399%	7,633	NA	7,633
400% and above	11,132	NA	11,132
TOTAL	52,825	29,856	22,969

Number of Uninsured Adults

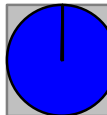
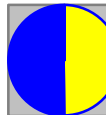
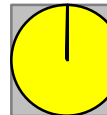
The following is information provided by the Lewin Group Report (page 12) regarding the estimated number of uninsured adults broken out by Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

<u>FPL</u>	<u>Uninsured adults</u>
Below 150%	82,400
150-199%	41,252
200-249%	44,957
250-299%	58,832
300-399%	34,551
400% and above	46,328
TOTAL	308,320

Types of Care Covered

Program	Medicaid	hawk-i	Insurance
Preventative Care (i.e. Secondary)			?
Acute Care (i.e. Physicians, Hospitalizations, Dental, etc.)			
Rehabilitation (i.e. Restoration of Physical and Mental Health)			?
Long Term Care (Institutional (NF) care or home care (HCBS))			

KEY

Benefit includes Comprehensive Care		Benefit includes Partial Care		Benefit not included	
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How Iowa Children Qualify for Medicaid

Children are eligible for Medicaid in two ways:

- Age
- Income

OR

- Age
- Income
- Disability

In addition to regular Medicaid, children with disabilities may receive Medicaid services because they are eligible for the following:

- Family Opportunity Act
- Waivers
- SSI Eligibility

Children with disabilities are unique because they can receive Medicaid services even though their incomes may be higher than children on regular Medicaid.

Strategies to Keep People in Medicaid & *hawk-i*

Medicaid

If a person is eligible for Medicaid they can receive services. Unlike health insurance programs, if a person disenrolls from Medicaid but comes back on later, coverage is retroactive for 3 months.

Top 3 reasons for disenrollment	Strategy
1. Family did not return review form. (33%)	Increase the length of time a family has to return the form.
2. Family failed to provide required information. (17%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Families can request additional time to provide information when needed. ❖ Families can authorize DHS staff to obtain information on their behalf by signing an authorization to release information. <p><u>Under Development:</u> Incorporation of a generic release form to the application.</p>
3. Over income limits (14%)	<p>Previously, children who were disenrolled from Medicaid for being over income were referred to the <i>hawk-i</i> program.</p> <p>On July 1, 2008, Iowa implemented Continuous Eligibility. This allows children to remain eligible for the remainder of the 12-month enrollment period regardless of changes in circumstances. If the child is over income at renewal, they will continue to be referred to <i>hawk-i</i>.</p>

hawk-i

Unlike regular Medicaid, the family pays a monthly premium in advance. If the premium is not paid, there is no coverage for any services received. Unlike regular Medicaid, there is no 3 month retroactivity.

Top 3 reasons for disenrollement	Strategy
1. Family failed to renew coverage. (43.7%) 50% of the 43.7% indicated in a disenrollment survey that they did not renew coverage because their child now had health insurance.	The Department has taken several steps to increase the renewal rate. <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Reminder letters and post cards❖ Reminder phone calls❖ Online renewal process
2. Child became eligible for Medicaid. (23%)	None. The child has retained coverage
3. Family failed to pay premium (9%) 44% of the 9% indicated in a disenrollment survey that they did not pay the premium because their child now had health insurance.	Families are currently provided coupons with which to make payments. If the payment has not been received by the 10 th of the month, a reminder letter is mailed. Beginning 1/1/09, families will have the ability to pay premiums via automatic bank account withdrawal, credit card, or on-line.

Financing/Payment Strategies

0-200% FPL

- Medicaid
- hawk-i

**DHS will maximize and sustain enrollment through implementation of best practices. DHS estimates that doing so will increase the take up rate and substantially reduce the disenrollment rate.

200-300% FPL

- hawk-i expansion created by HF 2539
- Medicaid expansion for infants created by HF 2539

**DHS will maximize federal funding.

300% FPL and above

- Subsidize premium payer.
- Reduce cost of health care for insurers-which also reduces cost to premium payers in regulated market.

APPENDIX: Number of Children Receiving or Waiting for Waiver Services

Iowa currently has 5 Medicaid Home and Community Based Waivers serving children. Of the 4,205 children receiving waiver services, 3,203 would have received regular Medicaid services even if they were not on the waiver. Of the 984 children on the waiting waiver waiting list, 566 are receiving regular Medicaid services while they are on the waiting list.

HCBS Current Enrollment

HCBS Waiver	TOTAL
Number of Children Currently in HCBS Waiver	4205
Number of Children Already Eligible for Medicaid	3203

HCBS Wait Lists

HCBS Waiver	TOTAL
Number of Children Currently on HCBS Waiver Wait List	984
Number of Children Already Eligible for Medicaid	566