

State-Specific CHC Publications/Resources:

CALIFORNIA

Having Our Say Coalition

Health Care Reform Proposals Hold Promise for Diverse Communities: Getting California Ready

Having Our Say Coalition, *Health Care Reform Proposals Hold Promise for Diverse Communities: Getting California Ready* (Oakland, CA: Having Our Say Coalition, 2007)

This brief analyzes the impact of recent proposals for health care reform in California on the uninsured in general and on communities of color in particular. One of the key findings discussed is that community health centers and other public sources of care already serve over 5 million people of color; therefore, any threat to the safety net poses a serious risk to low-income people and communities of color. One need mentioned is assistance in creating a stronger health care infrastructure in low-income communities, such as community health centers.

www.cpehn.org/havingoursay.php

DELAWARE

Delaware Public Policy Institute

Small State, Big Opportunity: Taking Action for the Uninsured in Delaware

Jack Meyer and Sharon Silow-Carroll, *Small State, Big Opportunity: Taking Action for the Uninsured in Delaware* (Wilmington, DE: Delaware Public Policy Institute, February 2007)

This summary report of the discussions and recommendations of the DPPI Uninsured Summit Series explores in great detail the various options for health care reform researched by the Summit participants. This publication provides the reader with an interesting example of the way Delaware could feature the safety net as a significant component of the state's reform efforts.

www.delawarepublicpolicy.org

MASSACHUSETTS

Kaiser Family Foundation

How is the Primary Care Safety Net Faring in Massachusetts? Community Health Centers in the Midst of Health Reform

Leightun Ku, Emily Jones, Brad Finnegan, Peter Shin, and Sara Rosenbaum, *How is the Primary Care Safety Net Faring in Massachusetts? Community Health Centers in the Midst of Health Reform* (Washington, DC: Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, March 2009)

This report examines how community health centers have fared under Massachusetts' health reform law. Community health centers saw a significant increase in patient load amid the state's efforts to improve health coverage by expanding public programs and making private insurance more affordable. That experience shows that community health centers play a critical role in caring for newly insured patients while continuing to serve as the primary care safety net for those who remain uninsured.

www.kff.org

The Lewin Group & Association of Community Affiliated Plans

Medicaid Health Plans: A Turnkey Solution for Expanding Health Insurance Coverage: Case Studies of California and Massachusetts

Roshni Shah Arora, Lisa Chimento, and Moira Forbes. *Medicaid Health Plans: A Turnkey Solution for Expanding Health Insurance Coverage: Case Studies of California and Massachusetts* (Falls Church, VA: The Lewin Group, July 2007)

This paper describes five existing programs offered through Medicaid health plans: four Healthy Kids programs in various California counties and one statewide program (Commonwealth Care) in Massachusetts in order to highlight the benefits of utilizing and leveraging Medicaid and safety net health plans (SNHPs) for reform efforts. This paper discusses their quick implementations and highlights key findings in the hopes that other reform efforts can learn lessons from those that have already been implemented.

www.lewin.com or www.communityplans.net

National Public Radio News Source, Inside Out Documentaries

The Doctor Can't See You Now

Inside Out Documentaries, *The Doctor Can't See You Now*, a production of wbur.org, Boston's NPR News Source. April 2008.

"This is a documentary about one of the fundamentals of medicine in the US – primary care. It is a story about the changing roles of the family practitioner and internal medicine doctors both historically and today...In the longer term, many policy makers and practitioners think that a lack of focus on primary care and across the country means that we are losing out on an important way of improving the nation's health and reducing the spiraling costs of healthcare."

www.insideout.org

NEW YORK

Manatt Health Solutions

Improving Commercial Reimbursement for Community Health Centers: Case Studies and Recommendations for New York

Manatt Health Solutions and RSM McGladrey, *Improving Commercial Reimbursement for Community Health Centers: Case Studies and Recommendations for New York* (New York, NY: Manatt Health Solutions, October 2007)

For this study, in-depth analyses of six CHC networks across New York State with high proportions of commercially-insured patients were conducted to examine their experiences with commercial and public payers.

www.manatthealthsolutions.com