

**Pediatric Medical Necessity: EPSDT, CHIP, and
Children’s Health Coverage in the Era of Health Reform**

**October 25, 2010
3:00-4:30 Eastern (90 minutes)**

Agenda

Objectives: The concept of pediatric medical necessity – a definition of medical necessity that addresses the specific and special needs of children – is embodied in the Medicaid EPSDT program, and is a standard that can guide development and implementation of benefit packages that meet the needs of children in CHIP as well and potentially, in new insurance plans that will be offered through exchanges in the future. Understanding the concept of pediatric medical necessity and its application and use in state health programs is therefore essential for addressing children’s coverage issues in the changing policy landscape of health reform. This webinar will provide participants with an opportunity to learn more about the concept and legal definitions of pediatric medical necessity and to talk with their peers about implementation of pediatric necessity within Medicaid/EPSDT and CHIP programs. The webinar will also address working with stakeholders to develop the pediatric medical necessity definition.

Time	Topic
3:00-3:10 p.m.	Welcome and introductions Neva Kaye, Senior Program Director, NASHP
3:10 - 3:25 p.m.	A Legal and Policy Overview on Pediatric Medical Necessity Dr. Markus will discuss the legal and policy implications of medical necessity, and how the concept can drive services and supports for children. Speaker: Anne Markus, Ph. D., J.D., Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Health Policy, George Washington University
3:25 – 3:40 p.m.	Pediatric Medical Necessity and CHIP This portion of the webinar will focus on medical necessity and the CHIP program, and how states can use the concept of medical necessity to inform benefit design and authorization standards within their separate CHIP programs. The presentation will focus on how states can tailor benefit packages to meet the special preventive and developmental needs of children even when contracting through commercial health plans to manage the program.

	<p>Speaker: Cathy Caldwell, Director of the Bureau of Children’s Health Insurance in the Alabama Department of Public Health Medical Necessity and CHIP</p>
3:40 – 3:55 p.m.	<p>Lessons from Nevada</p> <p>This section will provide an overview of Nevada’s recent efforts to redefine pediatric medical necessity in its state programs. In particular the challenges and successes of working with advocates to shape pediatric medical necessity definitions will be discussed.</p> <p>Speaker: Marti Cote, R.N., Social Services Program Specialist, Nevada Division of Health Care Financing and Policy</p>
3:55 – 4:10 p.m.	<p>Pediatric Medical Necessity in EPSDT</p> <p>Dr. Kelley will discuss Pennsylvania’s experiences with developing pediatric medically necessity standards and procedures used in the state’s EPSDT program.</p> <p>Speaker: David Kelley, M.D., M.P.A., Medical Director, Pennsylvania Office of Medical Assistance Programs</p>
4:10 – 4:30 p.m.	<p>Q&A</p> <p>Facilitator: Catherine Hess, Senior Program Director, NASHP</p>