

**NATIONAL ACADEMY**  
*for* **STATE HEALTH POLICY**

**Past, Present, and Future:  
A Report on State CHIP Programs**

**Thursday, January 20, 2011  
1:30-3:00 p.m. EST**

# NASHP

- Non-partisan, non-profit Academy dedicated to helping states achieve excellence in health policy and practice
  - Convene state leaders to solve problems and share solutions
  - Conduct policy analyses and research
  - Disseminate information on state policies and programs
  - Provide technical assistance to states
- Over 13 years supporting and reporting on state efforts to implement CHIP

# Today's Agenda

- Key Findings from *Charting CHIP IV*
  - Catherine Hess, Managing Director for Coverage and Access, NASHP
- State Successes with CHIP and Medicaid Post CHIPRA
  - William Heller, Director, Child Health Plan Plus, Colorado
  - Cathy Caldwell, Director, Bureau of Children's Health Insurance, Alabama
  - John Naujokaitis, Program Specialist, DHHS, Nebraska
- The Future of CHIP and Children's Coverage
  - Catherine Hess, Managing Director, NASHP
  - Jocelyn Guyer, Co-Executive Director, Georgetown Center for Children and Families
  - Bruce Lesley, President, First Focus

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# CHIP

- Created in 1997 on bipartisan basis
- Goal: to provide insurance for low-income children in families making too much for Medicaid
- Result: substantial decrease in children's uninsurance
  - 1997: 22.3%
  - 2009: 10%
- In 2008, over 4 of 5 eligible children participated

# CHIPRA

## Key Provisions

- CHIP Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) - 2009
- Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday, CHIPRA! 2/4/11
- New, more predictable funding formula
- Express Lane Eligibility (ELE)
- Performance bonus: 5 of 8 simplifications and significant enrollment increase

# CHIPRA

## Key Provisions

- Coverage options: immigrants, pregnant women
- Citizenship documentation required; SSA data match
- Outreach grants - \$90M
- Dental benefits and mental health parity required
- Quality measures and demonstration grants
- Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC)

# Affordable Care Act

## Key Provisions Affecting CHIP

- Extended through 2019 and funded through 9/30/15
- Enhanced federal match (FMAP) 10/1/15-9/30/19
- Maintenance of Effort (MOE) through 9/30/19
- 2014 reforms:
  - Single application for CHIP, Medicaid, and Exchange
  - HHS Sec'y certifies CHIP-comparable Exchange plans

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**CHIP at Present:  
Making Progress on  
Eligibility and Enrollment**

# State Progress with Eligibility and Enrollment

- 15 states received performance bonuses in 2010
- 6 states implemented Express Lane Eligibility (ELE)
- Social Security Administration data matching for citizenship documentation
  - 29 states for Medicaid
  - 21 states for separate CHIP programs

# State Progress with Eligibility and Enrollment

- 6 states used CHIPRA option to cover legally present immigrant children
- 5 states used CHIPRA option to cover legally present pregnant women
- 15 states increased income eligibility in 2009; 3 in 2010