

CENTENNIAL CARE: Enrollment & Coverage for Medicaid Expansion Adults

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TOPICS FOR TODAY

- ✓ **Medicaid Expansion Overview**
- ✓ **Enrollment: Progress, Challenges, & Opportunities**
- ✓ **Coverage & Benefits**
- ✓ **Data Collection**

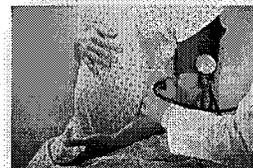
Who Can Get Full Scope Medicaid Now?



Children



Some Parents



Pregnant Women



People with Disabilities



Seniors

The Medicaid Expansion

Adults (ages 19-64) with incomes under 138% poverty level.

Household	Monthly Income is Under
1 person	\$1,321
2 people	\$1,783
3 people	\$2,246
4 people	\$2,708

The Medicaid Expansion



**More than 170,000 New Mexicans
will be covered!**

The Medicaid Expansion



- √ **Economic security** for 170,000 people
- √ Strengthen healthcare system
 - √ Better **health** outcomes
 - √ Avoid costs associated with **uncompensated care**
- √ Over 8,000 **new jobs** for New Mexico

But at least 45% of the uninsured don't know about it!

Enrollment Efforts

PROGRESS!

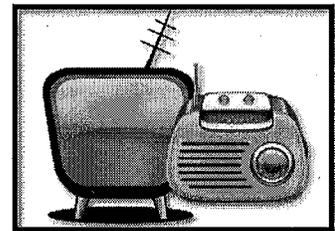
- **Over 70,000 people will transfer to Medicaid Expansion (from SCI & FP)**
- **Over 13,000 new applicants already**
- **Notices will be mailed to SCI waitlist**

CHALLENGE: 90,000 more people must enroll. Many don't know about Medicaid.

Key Steps

#1: Effective Outreach! Use trusted messengers, effective messages, and proven methods.

- Use TV, Radio, News, Mailers
- In-person (doctors, elders, moms)
- Places people are likely to go and talk (schools, community events)



Key Steps

#2: Clear & Correct Information

ISD offices are giving incorrect information, no handouts, and confusing letters

- Train ISD workers
- Improve website
- Clear materials & letters

Key Steps

#3: Streamline Enrollment!

- Enroll people who are already in the system
 - SNAP & TANF Enrollees
 - Parents of Children who are on Medicaid
- This is NOT administratively burdensome.
 - Guidance from CMS
 - Other states are doing it

BENEFITS PACKAGE

- HSD to adopt an “alternative benefits package”
 - Comments are due by December 6, 2013
 - Dental benefits will be covered!
- Outstanding Questions:
 - How does it compare to Traditional Medicaid?
What services are missing?
 - Will Fee for Service enrollees get the same services as MCO enrollees?
 - How will HSD track whether people are getting needed medical services and if the provider network is adequate?

DATA COLLECTION

- **Publicly report data for transparency**
 - New IT system allows for it
 - CMS is now calling for enrollment data
 - Gather the right data
- **Identify enrollment barriers & coverage disparities:**
 - Why are applications denied or cases closed?
 - Who is actually getting healthcare?
 - Data by race/ethnicity, gender, age, location
 - How are applications that are transferred between NMHIX and Medicaid faring?