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CHP+ News

Asset Test to be Removed

The asset test will be removed for Family Medicaid programs effective July 1, 2006. Family Medicaid will no longer use assets in determining eligibility. While this information will no longer be a requirement on the *Application for Colorado Health Care*, if families include this information it can be helpful in determining eligibility for other programs.

Health Tip

How to Chat with your Children about Fireworks Safety

Submitted by The Children's Hospital

The Fourth of July is just days away. If your children ask about celebrating the festivities with fireworks, what will you tell them? Children need to know that fireworks aren't all fun. Fireworks-related injuries were the cause for nearly 9,600 emergency room visits – 40 percent of which involved children age 15 and younger – in the United States in 2004. Fireworks can inflict burns, eye injuries and even the loss of fingers. The safest way to see fireworks is at a professional display.

Also, only a few types of fireworks are legal for use at home in the state of Colorado, including ground spinners and sparklers. Although they may seem safe, even small fireworks can reach temperatures as high as 1,800 degrees. Sparklers were the cause of nearly half of the 700 fireworks-related injuries that affected children ages 5 and younger in the United States in 2004.

If you choose to use sparklers or other firecrackers at home, keep these tips in mind.

- Let an adult light fireworks, and light them one at a time.
- Always have a garden hose or bucket of water on hand.
- Keep pets away from fireworks.
- Stay at least 10 feet away from a fireworks display.

Community and Training Events

For more information about community and training events contact the Regional Outreach Coordinator in your area.

Northeast Region:

July 19, by appointment

Call 970-522-3741 to make an appointment
Sterling Well Child Clinic
Northeast Colorado Health Department
700 Columbine
Sterling

Southeast Region:

July 22, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Northern Churches Care 4th Annual Community Health Fair
Pulpit Rock Church
301 Austin Bluffs Blvd.
Colorado Springs

July 29, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Solid Rock Ministries 5th annual Back-2-School Fair
Springs Worship Center
2030 Jetwing Drive
Colorado Springs

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RESOURCE CONTACT INFORMATION

Your feedback is important to us. If you have any suggestions for upcoming newsletters, please contact [Tammy Stratton](#).

If you are interested in learning more about CHP+, please contact one of our Regional Outreach Coordinators to set up a presentation or training session or if you would like to add a community event to our calendar.

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July 4, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Annual Fourth of July Celebration and Parade
 Pine River Park
 Bayfield

July 6, 8:00 a.m.

Chamber of Commerce meeting
 Mining Company Restaurant
 62 Main Street
 Silver Cliff

A Spotlight on CHP+ Best Practices

Beginning in May of 2006 StepUp is the new name for excellence in health care assistance in Pueblo. StepUp is the merger of two non-profit health service agencies – the Pueblo Coalition for the Medically Underserved (PCMU) and Pueblo SET for Well Being. Both organizations have rich histories of service in Pueblo. StepUp will continue to carry on the tradition of both agencies by continuing to provide excellent services to the underserved populations of Pueblo County. While Pueblo SET is aimed at assisting elderly populations with health care assistance, the Pueblo Coalition for the underserved has a long tradition of improving health care for youth in the community. Established in 2002, PCMU set forth four goals in assisting all Puebloans in accessing comprehensive, quality and affordable health care.

1. Increase enrollment in public programs, including Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) and Medicaid.
2. Improve the dental health of children through education and promotion of dental care.
3. Promote the simplification of program enrollment processes.
4. Promote coordination of health care services.

Specifically in regard to CHP+, PCMU has been very effective in assisting low income and limited resource families in several ways. They help get children enrolled in the program by assisting families all the way through the application process. They also provide oral health education, dental appointments for children and assistance in accessing mental health resources. Most recently, StepUp has also become a presumptive eligibility site for pregnant women.

When PCMU was organized four years ago, the mission was to have a positive impact on access to health care for the medically underserved. Several years later the name of the organization has changed, but their determination has not. Among those familiar with the organization it is well understood that that mission is both very successful and ongoing.

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