



CHP+ HIGHLIGHTS

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BREAKING NEWS!

House Bill 06S-1023

New Identification requirements

House Bill 06S-1023 (HB 1023) became effective August 1, 2006. Under this bill, passed during a special legislative session this summer, applicants to the Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) program, who are 18 years of age or older, must submit an affidavit, proving their legal citizenship, and a proper identification document with their application. Applicants to the CHP+ Prenatal Care program are subject to this new requirement; CHP+ presumptive eligibility (PE) applicants are not.



An affidavit form may be found on the [Health Care Policy and Financing Web site](#) and on the [CHP+ Web site](#). In addition to the affidavit, applicants 18 years or older must include acceptable proof of identification at the time of application. A list of acceptable documents may be found on the [Department of Revenue Web site](#). A list of alternative identification documents is also available on this Web site. These alternative identification documents may be used until March 1, 2007 only.

The Department of Revenue states that an applicant who cannot provide any of the proper identification documents or alternative identification documents may request a Waiver. If the Waiver is approved, the Department of Revenue will issue an Electronic Identification Indicator for the applicant. A Waiver form and instructions on the waiver process may be found at the Department of Revenue Web site listed above.

Photocopies of the identification document, alternative identification document or the Electronic Identification Indicator shall be acceptable identification if a notary public or a staff person from a county office, medical assistant or presumptive eligibility site (MA or PE site) certifies on the photocopy, or signs an attachment that individually identifies the original document, that he or she saw the original document and the photocopy is a true copy of that original.

If you have any questions on HB 1023, please contact Laura Gerard at 303.866.3877 or laura.gerard@state.co.us.

CHP+ News

Colorado Access' Commitment to CHP+

Submitted by Colorado Access

There has been a lot of confusion recently about the future of Colorado Access, a nonprofit health plan that has been serving medically underserved Coloradans for almost 11 years. Here are the facts:

Colorado Access is not going out of business. The company has opted to not renew its Medicaid physical health contract, but will continue to serve 100,000 Coloradans through three other lines of business.

Colorado Access will continue to serve as a health plan for Child Health Plan *Plus*. Colorado Access will also continue its Access Advantage Medicare Special Needs Plan for people who have Medicare and Medicaid and live in the Denver-metro area and El Paso County. Access Behavioral Care, the behavioral care health plan for Denver residents who have Medicaid, will also still be available through Colorado Access.

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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 (ROC) 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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Looking for a New Regional Outreach Coordinator

The CHP+ team is eager to hire a new Regional Outreach Coordinator. Please spread news of this position. [Click here to view the JOB DESCRIPTION](#). Interested candidates should fax a cover letter and resume to 303-832-8352. If you have questions, please call Christine Dauchot at 303-830-3558 for more details.

Test Your CHP+ Knowledge

Are you a CHP+ expert? Here are a few questions to put your CHP+ knowledge to the test. The answers can be found near the bottom of the newsletter.

1. What Managed Care Organizations serve CHP+ members?
2. Name five benefits for CHP+ members.
3. What is the Web site address and 1-800 number for CHP+?
4. An 18-year-old or pregnant woman applying for CHP+ must provide what kind of documentation?
5. How often do families have to fill out a renewal application?

Health Tip

As Kids Get Ready to Go Back to School, It's Time for Yearly Physicals and Immunizations

With the new school year upon us children may need physicals or updated immunizations. Without health insurance or a pediatrician, the cost of even a well-child check up can be expensive. In fact according to a recent news story in The Denver Post there is a growing list of childhood vaccinations that can cost more than \$16,000. Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) can help.

"In our experience kids who don't receive regular physicals are at a greater risk of serious injury or illness than those who receive a well-check every year," explained Bill Heller, acting director of CHP+.

In addition, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that every child have updated immunizations. Since Colorado schools require that children have all their immunizations to attend and a physical if they want to play sports, here are some facts from the CDC about both:

- School physicals are designed to make sure kids are healthy and can participate in athletics without a serious risk of injury. If it has been more than a year from the last time the child had a physical, they are due for another one. If a parent doesn't have record of the last physical, they should call their doctor.
- Any local physician or pediatrician is qualified to give a physical. Please call CHP+ at 1-800-359-1991 or visit www.CHPplus.org for a list of CHP+ providers.
- A vaccine is a very small dosage of a weakened or killed virus or bacteria that allows your body to develop immunity. Vaccines work to prevent serious illness.

"Keeping Colorado kids healthy and safe is our goal," said Heller. "For working families with limited resources, CHP+ is a low-cost solution. From physicals and immunizations to trips to the ER, CHP+ is here to help Colorado families."

Community and Training Events

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

North Central Region:

September 29, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Boulder Fall Festival
 Pearl Street
 Boulder

Southeast Region:

September 13, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Immunization Clinic
 Pueblo City and County Health Department

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CHP+ Customer Service
 1-800-359-1991

CHP+ HMO Contacts:
CHP+ State Managed Care Network (Anthem BlueCross BlueShield)
 1-877-523-8171

Colorado Access
 1-888-214-1101

Denver Health Medical Plan
 720-956-2100

Kaiser Permanente
 1-800-632-9700

Rocky Mountain Health Plans
 1-800-346-4643

Delta Dental
 303-741-9300
 or
 1-800-610-0201



Pueblo

September 16, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Drive Smart
Minnequa Park
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CHP+ Spotlight

Community Health Services (CHS):

A philosophy achieved with dedication and compassion.

"Because every child deserves health care" are not only words on paper, they are words Community Health Services (CHS) lives and works by daily. The reality of this philosophy is truly evident because over the past 28 years, CHS has been a School-Based Health Center for Adams County School District #14 offering primary care, community outreach, CHP+ and Medicaid application assistance and the Keep Me Safe Program. In 2004, CHS has expanded its services to Westminister where it serves Adams County School District #50 as well. In addition to working directly with school districts and nurses, CHS is also a year-around pediatric clinic in both Commerce City and Westminister.

As a former eligibility determination site and a current Community Based Organization (CBO) site, CHS has remarkably provided application assistance for more than 2,000 families seeking CHP+ or Medicaid coverage and other health care assistance. Through ongoing agency networking, involvement in community events, the development of a CHP+ flyer and a truly compassionate and bicultural approach to customer service, CHS has maintained its integrity of successfully guiding the community through a more comfortable application process and a healthier lifestyle.

CHS is enthusiastic to accommodate all families seeking application assistance, not limiting their outreach to only existing clients. Any individual can call and set up an appointment with a bilingual outreach coordinator, who will offer an inviting environment, accurate information about each program and thorough follow up throughout the application process.

Because CHS's most successful way in promoting CHP+ has been by "word of mouth," please refer members of the community to this site to apply today. CHS is located at 4675 East 69th Ave in Commerce City. The phone number is 303-853-3213.

Test Your CHP+ Knowledge - Check Your Answers:

1. The following Managed Care Organizations serve CHP+ members:
Kaiser Permanente, Colorado Access, Denver Health Medical Plan, Inc., Rocky Mountain Health Plans, CHP+ State Managed Care Network (Anthem BlueCross BlueShield). Delta Dental provides dental services. All pregnant women will be enrolled in Anthem BlueCross BlueShield/CHP+ State Managed Care Network throughout their pregnancy.
2. CHP+ benefits include check-ups, shots, routine physicals, immunizations, hospital services, prescriptions, mental health services, glasses, hearing aids, dental services, prenatal care. For more information about basic benefits, you can [visit the HCPF Web site](#), or a CHP+ member can call their HMO.
3. www.CHPplus.org, 1-800-359-1991
4. A signed affidavit to prove citizenship, legal permanent resident or lawful presence and one of the following: a valid Colorado driver's license or Colorado ID card OR a US military card or military dependant's ID OR US Coast Guard Merchant Mariner card OR Native American tribal document OR other forms of identification or a waiver approved by the Colorado Department of Revenue (for more information, visit the [Colorado Department of Revenue Web site](#)).
5. Families have to fill out a renewal application every year.

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