

CHIP Coalition Strategy and Visioning Meeting
August 20, 2009

Historical Experience:

- Health Care Coverage and Eligibility System Issues tend to be focus of this coalition's legislative effort
- Other maternal and child health issues typically included in legislative principles
- Every interim is different, based on what happened prior session. Has included: work on the implementation of new legislation, documenting problems, monitoring impact of legislation, input on interim studies.
- Eligibility workgroup: subgroup of CHIP Coalition and includes entities working on non-health issues

Identifying Priorities:

- Monitor CHIP/Medicaid (re)enrollment/eligibility system issues, incl. outreach and elig. workforce adequacy/ structure (x6)
- Access to care (healthcare workforce adequacy)(x3)
- Principle for federal healthcare reform: children fare at least as well as they do now
- Coordination of programs introduced through healthcare reform (both state and fed level changes)(x2)
- Attention to rural counties (many still recovering from 2003 losses), especially communication with community leaders
- Assessing and improving quality of care
- Making sure Medicaid funding is coming through, Upper Payment Limit issues re: hospitals
- Attention to noncustodial parent access to care for children in their care
- Health insurance (Medicaid/CHIP) portability, including a focus on disaster areas, military, migrant and foster families
- Health misinformation at the border
- CHIP Coalition as venue for identifying specific problems in children's health
- Access to healthcare and coverage for undocumented children
- Mental health coverage as part of healthcare coverage reform

Advancing Priorities:

- Monitor implementation of physician loan repayment program from 81st session
- Briefing from HHSC on eligibility staff changes
- Monitor Foodstamps lawsuit and impact on the eligibility system
- Monitor implementation of 81st session legislation creating children's health coverage program for children in child support cases under the Attorney General's Office
- Monitor Frew initiatives