



MACPAC
Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission



Review of CHIPRA Mandated Evaluation of CHIP

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Overview

During this session we will:

- Review the components of the evaluation
- Summarize the evaluation findings
- Identify potential areas for comments in a future written response to HHS and the Congress

Evaluation Components

The CHIPRA mandated evaluation included multiple components:

- Survey of CHIP parents in 10 states
- Analysis of state eligibility data in 10 states
- Medicaid parents in 3 states
- Survey of state CHIP administrators in 47 states
- National analysis using existing data sources

Most data were collected in 2012

Evaluation Findings

1. CHIP contributed greatly to the decline in uninsured rates among low-income children
2. Medicaid and CHIP participation rates increased even as the number of eligible children has grown
 - The number of children eligible yet uninsured fell from 4.9 million in 2008 to 3.7 million in 2012

Evaluation Findings

3. Relatively few low-income children in CHIP have access to employer-sponsored insurance
4. Medicaid and CHIP programs worked as intended to provide an insurance safety net for low-income children, especially during times of economic hardship

Evaluation Findings

5. Transitions between programs are common and can result in coverage gaps

- Churning rates were as high as 19 percent in separate CHIP and 36 percent in Medicaid in the 10 states studied
- In half the states studied, at least 40 percent of enrollees transitioning from Medicaid to separate CHIP experienced a gap in coverage

Evaluation Findings

6. Medicaid and CHIP enrollees report better health care experiences than uninsured children and comparable experiences as children with private insurance

- One in four CHIP enrollees surveyed reported some type of unmet health need

7. Most low-income families knew about Medicaid and CHIP

- Only about half of new CHIP enrollees understood renewal requirements

Opportunity for MACPAC Comments

MACPAC is required to review and comment on reports to the Congress

In its response to this evaluation, the Commission has the opportunity to:

- Emphasize its prior policy recommendations
- Make new comments based on the evaluation's findings

Potential Areas for Comments

1. The status of health coverage for low-income children prior to 2014
2. Transition issues between programs
3. Low enrollee understanding of renewal requirements
4. Gaps in quality and access to care
5. State preparations for the future of CHIP