Catalyst Center COVID-19 Resource Series on Medicaid, CHIP, and the CARES Act

The public health emergency resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic has had real implications for state Title V programs as well as families raising children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN).

In the summer of 2020, the Catalyst Center developed fact sheets to address a variety of relevant topics, such as Medicaid and CHIP programs and the CARES Act.

- Flexibility for States: Medicaid and CHIP Programs
- The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and Health Coverage
- The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and Employment

Archived COVID-19 Resource Library

The Catalyst Center curated a collection of COVID-19 resources from numerous reputable organizations on a variety of financing and coverage related topics. This resource library previously was available as a unique page on the Catalyst Center website. In April 2022, the Catalyst Center decided to archive these resources and highlight information related to the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, available here. The resources in this archive document were last reviewed on April 26, 2022.

MEDICAID AND CHIP

General Resources

- Coverage and Benefits Related to COVID-19 Medicaid and CHIP, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).
- Overview on Using Medicaid to Respond to COVID-19, National Health Law Program.
MEDICAID AND CHIP (CONTINUED)

Medicaid Waivers

- Medicaid Emergency Authority Tracker: Approved State Actions to Address COVID-19, Kaiser Family Foundation.
- Section 1135 Waiver Flexibilities, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
- 1915c Appendix K Template, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
- Approved 1135 Waivers and State Plan Amendments for COVID-19, Georgetown University Health Policy Institute Center for Children and Families.
- States’ Recent 1115 Waiver Applications Include Provisions to Support Children During the Pandemic, National Academy for State Health Policy.

Medicaid/CHIP Flexibilities

- Medicaid Disaster Relief SPA Template Suggests Positive Steps States Can Take During the COVID-19 Pandemic, Georgetown University Health Policy Institute Center for Children and Families.
- CHIP and COVID-19 Response, Georgetown University Health Policy Institute Center for Children and Families.
- CMS Guidance Clarifies that Families First COVID-19 Response Bill’s FMAP Increase Will Benefit CHIP Too, Georgetown University Health Policy Institute Center for Children and Families.
- State Medicaid Strategies to Maintain Access to Care for Children with Special Health Care Needs during the Pandemic, National Academy for State Health Policy.
- Medicaid Managed Care Options in Responding to COVID-19, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
- Key Questions about the New Increase in Federal Medicaid Matching Funds for COVID-19, Kaiser Family Foundation.
- Families First Coronavirus Response Act Freezes Disenrollment in Medicaid, Georgetown University Health Policy Institute Center for Children and Families.
- Medicaid Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services FAQs

- Coverage and Reimbursement of COVID-19 Vaccines, Vaccine Administration, and Cost Sharing under Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and Basic Health Program, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
- FAQs on Essential Health Benefit Coverage and the Coronavirus (COVID-19), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
TELEHEALTH

• Medicaid Telehealth Policies States Can Make Permanent to Ensure Access for Children/Families, Manatt
• COVID-19 Related State Actions, Center for Connected Health Policy
• Medicaid State Plan Fee-for-Service Payments for Services Delivered Via Telehealth, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
• General Provider Telehealth and Telemedicine Tool Kit, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
• Using Telebehavioral Health to Increase Access to Care for Rural and Vulnerable Populations Amid COVID-19, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials.
• Fact Sheet on Telehealth and Medicaid during COVID-19, National Health Law Program.
• HCCIntelligence™ Update: COVID-19 Telehealth Billing Requirements, Home Centered Care Institute.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

• Disaster Preparedness for State Medicaid Agencies, Medicaid and Chip Coverage Learning Collaborative.
• Emergency Preparedness for People With Chronic Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
• The Medical Home and Care Coordination in Disaster Recovery: Hypothesis for Interventions and Research, Robert Kanter, David Abramson, Irwin Redlener, Delaney Gracy.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES RELATED TO CYSHCN

• Urgent Action Needed to Address Children’s Unmet Health Care Needs During the Pandemic, Urban Institute.
• COVID-19 and the Decline of Well-Child Care: Implications for Children, Families, and States, Center for Health Care Strategies.
• State Data and Policy Actions to Address Coronavirus, Kaiser Family Foundation.
• Unique Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Individuals with Complex Health and Social Needs, The National Center for Complex Health and Social Needs (Camden Coalition).
• Addressing Complex Care Needs Amid COVID-19, The Playbook.
• Addressing the Needs of Medicaid Populations During the COVID-19 Pandemic, Center for Health Care Strategies.
• Coronavirus Information and Resources, Family Voices.
• Coronavirus Disease 2019: MCH and Community Resources, Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs.