



Application Assistance & You

Quarterly Newsletter - July 2011

Greetings,

Summer marks a busy time of year here in NH and for NH Healthy Kids enrollment. Summer sports, summer camp and outdoor recreation opportunities all remind parents of the need for health care and insurance for their children.

Community Application Assistors are on the front lines ensuring that the children in their regions have access to health coverage and educating families about the importance of healthcare for their children.

This quarterly update includes some important changes we've seen at the Healthy Kids office, such as changes to our Buy-In program rate and Delta Dental coverage, along with some educational links to help keep you all abreast of what's happening in legislative news. You may also notice the look of the newsletter is different. We've been working hard on improving this resource to ensure that we're providing you all with the most beneficial information.

After you've read this newsletter, we invite you to [take a brief survey](#) that will help us provide you with valuable information, resources and support.

Thank you for all that you continue to do for the children in NH and for NH Healthy Kids. We wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer.

Update on the Status and Future of NH Healthy Kids

NH Healthy Kids will continue to operate the Healthy Kids program until such time as the state is able to implement Medicaid managed care. The state has targeted July 1, 2012 to be up and running with a Medicaid managed care system. Until that time, *the Healthy Kids programs will continue as usual with uninterrupted service in outreach,*

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Tips for Smooth Sailing!



Application Assistors give valuable support to

enrollment and customer support. [More information.](#)

We encourage you to share this information with your colleagues and the families you work with.

Buy-In Program Premium to Change Effective July 1.



The premium for the Buy-In program is \$237 per child per month beginning with July 2011 coverage.

For more information on what this means for families please review the [Frequently Asked Questions](#). If you have any other questions about the Buy-In program, please call us at 603-228-2925 or toll-free at 1-877-464-2447. [Read on](#) for more information.

Changes to Dental Benefits



Medically-necessary Orthodontics for Silver Enrollees

Children enrolled in the Silver program may be eligible to receive orthodontic treatment if it is determined to be medically-necessary. This new benefit is provided through the New

Hampshire Smiles Program, which is administered by the Department of Health and Human Services. [More information.](#)

Healthy Kids Silver Coverage and Cost-sharing Changed Effective July 1

This change is due to requirements in the federal Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA). As a result, several new dental services will be covered at 50% and some services that were covered at 100% will now be covered at 50%. The maximum amount of covered dental expenses for each year is still \$600 per child. Parents are encouraged to talk with their child's dentist about a treatment plan. See the [Summary of Dental Benefits](#) for more information. Parents who have questions about Healthy Kids Silver dental benefits, should contact Northeast Delta Dental (603) 223-1011 or toll free at (866) 848-2608.

Reminder! Income Guidelines Changed Effective March 1

Families not previous eligible due to income may now qualify. Families are encouraged to review the updated [income guidelines](#). Parents who are interested in having their eligibility reviewed can contact Kristin toll-free at 1-877-464-2447 ext. 262 or Elsa at ext. 279.

Healthy Kids 101 Webinars - New Dates Available

Have folks in your agency who you'd like to know the basics of Healthy Kids? NH

families applying for Healthy Kids coverage.

Sometimes we encounter common issues with incomplete applications that cause delays in coverage. Here are some [tips](#) to help ensure applications are good to go.

Share Your Story!

Let your experiences and testimonies help others become more aware of the great work you do in partnership with NH Healthy Kids. Go to [Share Your Story](#). *(Please remember not to share any personal or identifying information about families.)*

Healthy Kids 101 webinars review the basics: what Healthy Kids program are available, who is eligible and how to apply. Live webinars provide an opportunity to ask questions and make sure you have the most up-to-date information about NH Healthy Kids and its programs. [Sign up](#) now or view a [pre-recorded](#) webinar. Targeted trainings are also available for your agencies, contact us with your requests.



Application Assistor Survey

Your opinions are important to us! Please take a few minutes to [complete a brief survey](#) that will help us further improve upcoming newsletters and trainings. Thank you!



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