

Greetings,

The winter season is upon us. A time full of childhood excitement, celebrations and distraction from the added stress of the holiday season. With all of the activity, it can be easy to let signing up for health care slip through the cracks. However, health coverage is critical to keep children in New Hampshire healthy and ready to learn.

During this festive time of year, we celebrate the joy of giving and give thanks for all that you do for the children and families of New Hampshire. We here at NH Healthy Kids can't think of a better gift than what you bring to the families you serve, ensuring access to healthcare and educating families about the importance of preventive care.

Thank you for all that you continue to do for the children in NH and for NH Healthy Kids. We hope you and yours enjoyed a Happy & Safe holiday season.

What's New at New Hampshire Healthy Kids

In September, the NH Department of Health & Human Services implemented digital imaging at all district offices, including NH Healthy Kids central office. This improvement will ensure client information remains on file permanently and removes the barrier of families needing to provide documents multiple times.

With this new improvement, there are some items of importance to note when submitting applications to NH Healthy Kids:

- **Only one application needs to be sent on behalf of a family.** It is not necessary to fax then mail the applications. There are times when a faxed application and its documents are not the best means to submit, especially when you're sending a photo ID. Please use your best judgment when sending these items to ensure the copy we receive at NHHK is the best quality for digital imaging. There may be times when we will request that you submit a clearer copy.
- **Multiple documents on one page are no longer acceptable.** An example of this would be including a family's proof of address and a child's birth certificate on one page. Because of digital imaging these documents can no longer be put on the same page. Please be sure you only send along one document per page.

Healthy Kids Application Assistor Trainings

You may have noticed that NHHK did not host an annual training this year. Instead we've taken a new approach to ensure we're providing Application Assistors with trainings on topics you've requested.

Application Assistors must attend a minimum of one training a year to ensure continuation of agency reimbursement. The following trainings have been scheduled:

Beginner Training. Invitations have been sent via Constant Contact for our Annual Beginner Training, hosted at the NH Healthy Kids office January 24 from 9:30-11:30. Deadline to register is January 10. This training is for new Application Assistors in NH

and is required before individuals can sign off and receive reimbursement for applications submitted on behalf of an agency. Get [more information](#) or register now by [emailing](#) Mollie Kaylor or by calling her at 603-228-2925 ext. 222.

PLP Webinar. Be on the look out for an invitation to the PLP webinar scheduled for February 9, 9:30-11:30. This training will focus on such topics as: how to apply for pregnant women, reviewing their income and how you can better assist alien pregnant women.

New Hampshire Healthy Kids Welcomes New Members to the Outreach Team

Danielle Clivio joined NH Healthy Kids as a new Field Coordinator. Danielle has worked as an Application Assistor and comes to us with high regards for her dedication and commitment to New Hampshire's children and families.

Jazmin Miranda-Smith also joined our outreach efforts as a Community Coordinator with an outreach focus on minority populations, primarily in the Manchester and Nashua areas. Jazmin brings a wealth of knowledge in working with ethnic, racial and linguistic minorities and under-served populations in NH. Jazmin has pioneered health education and access to appropriate care for minority communities in NH since 1994.

Who's your NHHK Outreach Field Coordinator? NHHK Website Enhancements

We've made website enhancements to better assist community partners throughout NH. Please take some time to visit our website to find the most up-to-date information on who your field coordinator is, and be sure to check out our new [interactive regional map](#).

Keeping Young Adults Healthy: Highlight from the Affordable Care Act Efforts

Thanks to a key provision of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), 2.5 million young adults will be healthier for the holidays this year. The ACA allows most young adults under age 26 to remain on their parents' health plans if they don't yet have access to coverage through their job. Prior to the ACA, insurers had the option of removing enrolled children, usually when they turned 19 or perhaps a few years later if they were full-time students. By allowing young adults to continue to receive coverage through a parent's plan, the ACA gives them and their families' peace of mind that the transition to adulthood doesn't have to mean forgoing access to essential health care.

New figures released by the National Center for Health Statistics confirm that since the provision went into effect in September 2010, an additional 2.5 million young adults gained coverage even as other age brackets remained steady in coverage levels. This means that from September 2010 to June 2011 the percentage of adults age 19 to 25 with coverage increased from 64 percent to 73 percent and it's clear that the higher levels of coverage are because of the changes brought about by the ACA.

For 2.5 million young adults, starting the New Year healthy and worry free is truly something to celebrate during this festive time of year.

Posted in: blog.communitycatalyst.org - [Affordable Care Act implementation, children's health](#). *Nicole Tambouret, Project Director and Patrick M. Tigue, Senior Policy Analyst*

To learn more about children's health in New England and The Affordable Care Act, please visit the [New England Alliance for Children's Health](#).

Tips for Smooth Sailing!

Application Assistors give valuable support to 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.

- The NH Department of Health & Human service has begun to utilize a Social Security cross match system to verify an individuals U.S. citizenship. With this change it's critical to have valid Social Security numbers for all those needing coverage on the application. If Social Security numbers are not available for newborns, other then auto-eligible babies, it's critical that we receive proof that a Social Security number has been applied for for the newborn.
- Because the NH Healthy Kids 800P application, does not ask for the date of birth for pregnant women or their husband it's crucial that you request these dates at the time you're filling out an application with a married pregnant woman.

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.)*