

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE POLICY & FINANCING

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Re: Enrollment data for children enrolled in Medicaid and CHP+ for FY 05-06

INFORMATIONAL ONLY

Dear County Director and Medical Assistance Site Director:

Many of you have expressed an interest in seeing the Medicaid and CHP+ enrollment numbers by county. In the past, Medicaid and CHP+ enrollment data was organized by Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) regions. However, the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (Department) is currently reviewing its data sharing policies with external stakeholders based on a number of considerations, including HIPAA.

In light of this review, the Department has authorized the release of Medicaid and CHP+ enrollment numbers for children up to age 18 by county for the State Fiscal Year 05-06. The numbers reported in this attached table include a unique count of all clients who had eligibility any time over the course of the year. Please note that the Medicaid and CHP+ numbers reported in this attached table do not match official budget numbers. Official budget numbers reflect an average monthly caseload over the course of a year. The official budget numbers are a fairly stable monthly average, while this table reports every individual eligible at any point during the year. The "NR" designation on the report means that there are less than 30 enrollments for those counties. This methodology is consistent with the accepted practices of the US Census Bureau.

Attached is the Medicaid and CHP+ Enrollment Report for your review. We hope that this information will be useful in reporting activities to your County Commissioners, state and federal agencies, as well as in your efforts when submitting grant requests.

If you have any questions concerning the data in the attachment, please contact Chris Underwood at (303) 866-4766. If you have any questions concerning HIPAA, please contact Sue Williamson at (303) 866-2618.

As we continue to review and make modifications to our data sharing policies, we will continue to solicit feedback from our county partners as to what kinds of data you need that will inform your policy and program decisions.

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Sincerely,

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