

Delaware Health Care Commission

Uninsured Action Plan



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Why an Uninsured Action Plan

- The Goal: Healthier Delaware Population
 - Examples of Less Favorable Ratings: Cancer, heart disease, diabetes, AIDS
- Lack of a regular source of care, or a “health home”, is a fundamental barrier to achieving and maintaining optimal health

Why worry about the uninsured?



The uninsured are more likely to:

- delay entering the system until they are very sick
- be hospitalized for preventable conditions such as pneumonia, uncontrolled diabetes
- be hospitalized for avoidable complications of conditions, such as hypertension
- be diagnosed with late stage cancer
- use expensive emergency department care instead of a doctor's office for common conditions, i.e. ear infections



Why worry about the uninsured

The uninsured are also less likely to:

- receive primary or preventive care, i.e. routine exams, prostate exams, mammograms
- **get recommended medical tests or treatments**
- have a “health home” or regular source of care



Uninsured Action Plan: Working Toward A Solution

Two major components

- Community Access Program
 - Strengthen & coordinate health services; promote use of health homes

- State Planning Program
 - Increase proportion of Delawareans with coverage
 - Insurance improves a person's ability to get health care services
 - particularly primary care and preventive care services

Community Access Program: CAP Update



- New highly coordinated, but decentralized screening & enrollment system for eligibility into existing insurance programs – and identification of those truly not eligible
- Not eligible for existing programs – registered into CAP and assisted in finding affordable health homes
- “Care coordinators” – patient advocates help uninsured navigate the system
- Evaluation -- measure impact on health facilities, cost, access & health status



CAP Goals

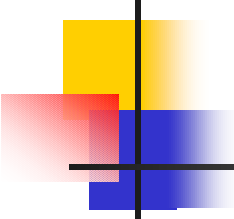
- Enroll those who are eligible into existing programs
- Find a “health home” for the remaining uninsured
- Emphasize primary/preventive care services
- Decrease expensive, avoidable visits to hospital emergency departments.



CAP Progress

Most Planning Complete

- Care coordinator sites (11)
- Health home referral points
 - 100+ private physicians volunteers (VIP II)
 - Community Health Centers/F.Q.H.C.s
 - Acute care hospitals (referring out to clinics, VIP docs)
- Evaluation tools
- Health assessment tool
- Patient's Rights and Responsibilities
- 55 member coalition (HCAIC)
- Launch Date: June 11, 2001



State Planning Program: Today's Focus

Goal:

Develop a comprehensive plan to expand coverage to the uninsured



State Planning: Key Milestones

- Feb: Statewide Kick off Summit
- May: Honing in on feasibility and cost of options (Interviews, Focus groups, Modeling)
- June 7: Second Summit: public discourse on key findings
- July – August: Refining options
- Sept. 13: Third Summit: present recommendations
- Sept 30: Submit report to U.S. HHS, Governor and DE General Assembly



Today's Activities

- Share work products
- Present new information
- Present options
- Hear from you