




hawk-i: Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa



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Balanced Budget Act of 1997

- Added a new Title XXI to the Social Security Act to provide health care coverage to uninsured targeted low-income children

Funding

- Congress authorized \$39.6 billion over 10 years
- Iowa's share - \$32.4 million annually
- State matching funds required (25.37%)

Use of Title XXI Funds

- Expand Medicaid; or
- Develop a new child health program; or
- Develop a combination program.



Organization of the Program

- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS)
- ***hawk-i*** Board
- Department of Public Health
- Participating Health Plans
- University of Iowa Public Policy Center

Participating Health Plans

- Wellmark - Classic Blue Plan (indemnity)
- John Deere
- Iowa Health Solutions

Targeted Low-Income Child

- Under the age of 19; and
- Resides in a family with income below 200% of FPL; and
- Is not Medicaid eligible or covered under a group or other health insurance plan; and
- Is not the dependent of a State employee.

Other Eligibility Factors

- Iowa residency
- Citizen or lawfully admitted permanent resident alien
- Eligibility based on the household in which the child resides.
 - Absent parents cannot apply for children who do not live with them.

What does it cover?

NO PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS EXCLUSIONS

- Doctor visits
- IP hospital
- OP hospital
- Prescriptions
- Mental health
- Substance abuse treatment
- Well-child visits
- Immunizations
- Ambulance
- Dental
- Vision
- More...

What does it cost?

- Premiums:
 - Income under 150% of FPL or Native American - \$0
 - Income over 150% of FPL - \$10 per month (maximum of \$20 per month)
- Copayments:
 - \$25 copayment for inappropriate use of ER (use prudent layperson standards)



Impact of *hawk-i* on participating kids

- After participating in the program for one year, parents report:
 - Their children had significantly fewer sick days and missed less school;
 - Their children had fewer emergency room visits;
 - Their children were more likely to have a personal doctor; and
 - Family stress has been significantly reduced.