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2023 Legislative Priorities

Maternal Health

Key Policies

- 12-months Postpartum Coverage



12-months Postpartum Coverage

Where we are now:

- Nevada Medicaid currently provides 60 days postpartum coverage
 - Leaves new parents vulnerable
 - Worse health outcomes
- NV = **no** legislative action toward postpartum expansion

Where we should be:

- Expand the policy to 12-months
- Reduce:
 - The burden of finding new coverage
 - Certain Medicaid costs
 - Preventable deaths
- Foundational for maternal/child health improvements



Child Health

Key Policies

- 12-months of Continuous Eligibility
- Update language to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)



12-months Continuous Eligibility

Where we are now:

- Continuous eligibility in Nevada CHIP program (Yay!)
 - Nevada Check Up (NCU)
 - Children under 19 years old
- No progress for continuous eligibility in Medicaid
- Enrollment “churning” = gaps in care
- Disenrollment “lock-out” period of 90 days

Where we should be:

- Increase grace-period: 60 days to 90 days
 - Allow more time before disenrollment
- Eliminate the lock-out period
 - Reduces risk of losing PCPs and necessary prescriptions
- Expand coverage to 12-months
 - Cost effective
 - More supportive for families



FASD Language & Definition Update

Where we are now:

- Current NSR definition only includes Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
 - Narrow, limiting, misaligned with current science
- Major barriers restricting access to necessary services

Where we should be:

- Expand definition to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)
 - Reflective of current research and practices
 - Increases access to vital intervention services
- Provide immediate and long-term benefits for children and families



Next steps

Expand Medicaid Postpartum Coverage to 12 month

- Support parents, increase access to care services during vulnerable period

Expand Medicaid Continuous Eligibility for 12 months

- Increase grace period to 90 days
- Eliminate “lock-out” period following disenrollment
- Ensure coverage despite fluctuating incomes

Update NSR definition to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

- Increase access to intervention resources for children affected by FASDs
- Increase screening opportunities for young children



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