

Adults without Dependent Children

The [Colorado Health Care Affordability Act](#), signed by Governor Ritter on April 21, 2009, will generate new revenue to expand public health insurance coverage to more Coloradans. One of the programs included in the Act will expanded healthcare coverage to adults without dependent children (AwDC) with incomes up to 100% of the Federal Poverty Limit (FPL) by 2012.

Who will be eligible?

- Adults without dependent children with incomes up to 100% of the FPL. According to current FPL guidelines, 100% FPL for a single adult without family is equivalent to \$10,830.

When will it be implemented?

- Implementation of the AwDC program is expected by winter 2012.

What will be the benefits?

- Benefits are still being formulated, but the goal is to offer an innovative benefit that will serve as many clients as possible within budgetary limits.
- As design details become available, information will be shared at statewide public forums and on the Department's [Web site](#).

What legislation governs this program?

- Waiver programs authorized under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act allow experiments, pilots or demonstrations to explore new ideas in Medicaid policy and coverage. The use of 1115 Waivers varies by state and each waiver is a unique project to test new reforms in health policy. Waivers are generally approved for 5 years and can be extended with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services' approval. The 1115 Waiver authority provides flexibility for the provision of services that would not otherwise be matched by federal funding and allows eligibility for those who would otherwise not be eligible for the Medicaid program.

How can I provide input?

- The Department will hold additional regional stakeholder meetings in the beginning of 2010. As those dates are set, details about the meetings will be provided on the Department's Web site. The Department also welcomes invitations to attend individual meetings.
- Three public forums were held on July 20, 2009 August 25, 2009 and September 17, 2009 with support from the [Colorado Health Foundation](#). Forum attendees included consumers, client advocates, health care providers, community-based organizations, and state and local government agencies. Participants provided input regarding how to best meet client needs and what the benefit design should look like under this new program. Minutes from previously held meetings are available on the Department's Web site.

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