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NJ FamilyCare Advantage

Full Cost Buy-In Program for Uninsured Children in New Jersey

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Company Overview

- Established in October 1993 as a Medicaid Managed Care Organization for the publicly insured
- Based in West Trenton, NJ
- Wholly-owned subsidiary of Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey
- More than 352,000 members & 45% market share
 - Includes members from following categories: AFDC/TANF; Aged, Blind and Disabled (ABD) With Medicare; ABD Without Medicare, Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) and NJ FamilyCare (SCHIP)



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Mission Statement

Horizon NJ Health is a healthcare management company committed to expanding access and enhancing the quality of health for the publicly insured.



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Family Health Care Act (2005)

- In September 2005, NJ implemented the Family Health Care Act, sponsored by Sen. Joseph Vitale.
- The Family Health Care Act not only made more children and some parents eligible for NJ FamilyCare (SCHIP), it also called for the creation of a buy-in program for families not eligible for NJ FamilyCare.



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What is NJ FamilyCare Advantage?

- In December 2007, NJ Governor Jon Corzine held press conference to announce NJ FamilyCare Advantage would start in January 2008.
- The program is offered solely by Horizon NJ Health. No other Medicaid HMO has signed up to participate.
- Health insurance for NJ children whose families do not qualify for traditional NJ FamilyCare or Medicaid.
 - At no cost to the State: program is member premium-based
- Provides families the opportunity to “buy-in” to the traditional NJ FamilyCare (SCHIP) plan.



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Who is Eligible?

- For Children only - Adults are not eligible
 - Uninsured children under the age of 19 years old
 - Families with more than one child must enroll all of their children
 - Children must be uninsured/without health insurance coverage for previous six months
 - If there was a loss of Medicaid or traditional NJ FamilyCare eligibility-children are immediately eligible
- Legal resident of NJ
- Family income must be above 350% of the Federal Poverty Level: \$36,400



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What are the Costs?

- Families pay low NJ State-set, monthly premium per child:
 - \$137 a month for one child
 - \$274 for a family with two children
 - \$411 for a family of three or more children
- Copayments for some services.
- No expenditure of state funds and no state wrap-around benefits (e.g mental health coverage).



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The Benefit Package

- Very similar to NJ FamilyCare (SCHIP) benefits
 - Visits to child's PCP
 - Specialty care
 - Dental care (under 12 years old)
 - Prescription drugs -\$1 co-pay generic/\$5 brand name
 - Hospital services:
 - In Patient
 - Outpatient with \$5 co-pay per visit
 - Emergency medical care/emergency services
 - Well child care, immunizations, lead screening/treatment
 - Laboratory services - covered with a \$5 co-pay
 - Optometrist - yearly eye exam with a \$5 co-pay
 - Optical - eyeglasses or contact lenses every 24 months



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Enrollment status



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Demographics of the uninsured

- There are 1.3 million NJ residents without health insurance, including 242,000 children.
- The State estimates between 16,000 to 50,000 children may be eligible for the NJ FamilyCare Advantage Program.
- According to a recent AARP survey of NJ residents
 - 79% “strongly agree” that all New Jersey residents should have access to affordable quality health care
 - 90% said the Governor should make health care reform a priority



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What's next in New Jersey?

Governor Corzine is expected to sign the NJ Health Care Reform Act on 7/9/08. In addition to several other market reform measures, the statute contains the following provisions:

"Kids First" mandate: Requires all children 18 years of age and younger to have health insurance coverage, beginning one year. This coverage may be provided through an employer-sponsored or individual health benefits plan, the Medicaid or NJ FamilyCare programs, or the NJ FamilyCare Advantage buy-in program. This is a "soft" mandate, in the sense that there is no penalty to the parents of the uninsured children for non-compliance.

Expansion of Public Programs: To make health care coverage more accessible to low income parents, eligibility for the NJ FamilyCare Program would be expanded to include parents whose income is up to 200% of the federal poverty level. Currently, parents are eligible only up to 133% of the federal poverty level.



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Questions and Answers