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Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission

Summary of Feedback from CHIP Stakeholders

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MACPAC Letter to CHIP Stakeholders

November letter requested feedback on issues affecting children's coverage in the exchange and policy options to address them:

- Affordability of coverage and out-of-pocket costs
- Adequacy of covered benefits
- Adequacy and appropriateness of provider networks
- Concerns with transitions between Medicaid, CHIP, and exchange

Asked if any particular children were most vulnerable to gaps in coverage if CHIP ends

Affordability of Coverage and Out-of-Pocket Costs

- CHIP is more affordable than exchange coverage
- Family glitch
- Affordability of dental coverage
- Affordability of care for children with special health care needs

Adequacy of Covered Benefits

- Adequacy of benefits including: dental services, habilitative services, therapies, vision, and behavioral health
- Exchange plans and benchmarks are not child-focused
- Adequacy of covered benefits for children with special health care needs
- EPSDT in Medicaid and sometimes CHIP makes those benefits are more expansive than exchange

Adequacy and Appropriateness of Provider Networks

- Lack of pediatric network standards
- Narrow networks
- Adequacy of exchange provider networks is unknown, lack of reliable data to assess networks

Concern with Transitions between Sources of Coverage

- Continuity of care
- Enrollee education and understanding of transition
- Improved processes for and accuracy of eligibility and renewal determinations
- Consumer assistance

Populations Most Vulnerable to Gaps in Care

- Children with special health care needs
- Immigrant families, mixed status immigrant families, or those with limited English proficiency
- Pregnant women or unborn children
- Children in rural areas