

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

**ACTION REFERRAL**

TO <i>Hutto</i>	DATE <i>11-14-14</i>
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DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER <b>000108</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR <i>cc: Kost, Lynch</i> <i>Cleared 11-7-14, response attached</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE <i>11-14-14</i>
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

APPROVALS (Only when prepared for director's signature)	APPROVE	* DISAPPROVE (Note reason for disapproval and return to preparer.)	COMMENT
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# HEALTH MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES

October 31, 2014

Tony Keck, Director  
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Dear Mr. Keck:

I am writing for two reasons. First, I thank you and your staff for providing data for the December 2013 Medicaid enrollment update for *The Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured*. If you have not already seen it, the December 2013 snapshot is available at <http://kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/medicaid-enrollment-snapshot-december-2013/>. This continues to be a valuable resource that provides enrollment data across all states.

Second, we are now preparing a report we hope to release in January which will focus on trends in Medicaid enrollment through June 2014. For that report, we are asking that you send us the report or Excel workbook that Michael Jones has sent us in the past, updated with Medicaid enrollment data for the month of June 2014. If you have posted your Medicaid enrollment data online, please let us know where such data are located on your site.

Because of recent changes from implementation of the Affordable Care Act, we would greatly appreciate you and your staff's assistance with the following items.

- If your enrollment reports include children funded with Title XXI funds (such as Medicaid expansion CHIP enrollees or "stairstep" children), we would greatly appreciate if you could identify these populations.
- For those states that have implemented the Medicaid expansion, please include this group and indicate where they are counted in the enrollment data you send.

We would like if at all possible to have this data no later than **November 25th**. If you are able to provide your data electronically, please e-mail your response to Dennis Roberts at: [droberts@healthmanagement.com](mailto:droberts@healthmanagement.com). Otherwise, please fax the report to Dennis at: 517-482-0920, or mail to his attention at:

Health Management Associates  
120 N. Washington Square, Suite 705  
Lansing, MI 48933

You will note we are sending a copy of this letter to Michael Jones who assisted us as we gathered data for the last report. I hope this will facilitate our request because of the short timeframes under which we are working.

We recognize that there are many requests for this data from many sources. Our desire is not to add to that burden unnecessarily. We will continue to evaluate the benefit of such requests as time goes on. To that end, we would greatly appreciate it if you could identify if the data sent for this project is the same data used for reporting to CMS as part of their Performance metrics project.

I thank you very much for your help on this very important project. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Eileen Ellis, Dennis Roberts, or me at 517-482-9236.

Sincerely,



Vernon K. Smith, Ph.D.  
Principal

*Thanks + best wishes!*

cc: Michael Jones

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**CHIP Data Request:  
Enrollment for June 2014**

Dear CHIP Director:

As you are aware, we track U.S. CHIP enrollment trends for the *Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured*. The most recent CHIP enrollment report for December 2013 is attached, and is also on the web at: <http://kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/chip-enrollment-snapshot-december-2013/>. Thank you for your assistance in providing data for this report.

This data request is for CHIP enrollment for June 2014. Below are blanks where you can type in CHIP enrollment for the different components of your CHIP program. (Please fill in data for those that apply in your state.) We are interested in all children whose coverage is funded with Title XXI funds only (i.e., please exclude children covered with Title XIX funds.) We appreciate your assistance in helping us monitor national CHIP trends.

**State:** South Carolina                      **Contact Person:** January Stewart                      **Phone:** 803-898-2713

<b>Program Component</b> <i>(Please use point-in-time enrollment, such as the last day of the month, rather than an unduplicated count for the quarter. Please only include individuals whose coverage is financed by Title XXI.)</i>	<b>Number Enrolled in June 2014</b>
<b>1. Children in Title XXI – financed programs</b>	
<b>A. Separate CHIP (children only)</b>	<u>0</u>
<b>B. Medicaid Expansion CHIP (children only)</b>	<u>75725</u>
<b>C. Total CHIP enrollment (children only)</b> (C = A+B)	<u>75725</u>
<b>2. Unborn Child Option under Title XXI</b> Note: If these are included as children in Section 1 above, please check here: <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<b>3. Stair-step Children funded with Title XXI funds (described below)</b> Note: If these are included as children in Section 1 above, please check here: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____

**Note:** A response of any length can be entered in a text box \_\_\_\_\_. An X can be entered for Yes by clicking on a box .

**4. Stair-step Children (age 6 and older with income between 100 and 133% FPL):** The ACA required that children ages 6 and up with incomes between 100 and 133% FPL be moved to Medicaid in January 2014, and these children continue to have their health coverage reimbursed at the Title XXI match. We are aware that some states have transitioned these children and others from their stand-alone programs to Medicaid ahead of this requirement. To help us ensure an unduplicated count between this report and our companion report on Medicaid enrollment, please indicate:

- A. Did your state transition children ages 6 and older from a standalone program to Medicaid? No
- B. If so, when were such children transitioned from stand-alone CHIP programs to Medicaid? \_\_\_\_\_

This space is for any comments relating to the above data or for any updates to historical enrollment counts in the attached report: Note for 4A: Since South Carolina is a combined Medicaid/CHIP state, the stair-step children were already in the Medicaid program and funded via CHIP funding prior to 2014. Data Source: South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Medicaid Management Information System Report RSS3870R02 June 2014 Final Report

If possible, please respond by attaching the survey to an e-mail to: [vsmith@healthmanagement.com](mailto:vsmith@healthmanagement.com). To complete the survey by phone, or for any questions, please call 517-318-4819. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Vernon Smith, Ph.D.



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# Executive Correspondence Log

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108	HEALTH MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES	Re: Updated W/M'caid Enrollment Data	General Correspondences
<input type="checkbox"/> Director Signature?	Response Data Referred To: HUTT Logged To: HUTT	Due Date: 14 NOV 2014 Date Cleared:	Memo: CC: Kost, Lynch
160	Nathaniel Brosia (Inmate)	What He Can Apply For Once He Is Released	General Correspondences
<input type="checkbox"/> Director Signature?	Response Data Referred To: HUTT Logged To: HUTT	Due Date: 21 JAN 2015 Date Cleared:	Memo:

*Sent out 11/17/14*