



Resources related to best practices for

- Connecting uninsured individuals to health care coverage, particularly among communities of refugees, immigrants, Blacks, Indigenous populations, and people of color.
- Increasing vaccination rates among Medicaid enrollees


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The resources included here cover two topics:

- Best practices for connecting uninsured individuals to health care coverage, particularly among communities of refugees, immigrants, Blacks, Indigenous populations, and people of color.
- Best practices for increasing vaccination rates among Medicaid enrollees

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RESOURCES FROM THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID (CMS)

[Medicaid and CHIP Overview](#)

This presentation provides an overview of Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for low-income individuals, families, or children who may be uninsured or exploring different health coverage options including individuals who are noncitizens and who have a “qualified noncitizen” immigration status and are eligible to enroll in Medicaid or CHIP, if they are otherwise eligible for Medicaid or CHIP in the state.

[Resources for the Uninsured - Health Insurance Marketplace](#)

This is a presentation covering connecting uninsured consumers to health care resources.

[Refugees and the Affordable Care Act Fact Sheet](#)

The Office of Refugee Resettlement created a fact sheet to explain immigration statuses that qualify for Marketplace coverage including Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Plan. Knowing about eligible immigration status can help with Affordable Care Act outreach and enrollment activities.

[Health Coverage Options for Afghan Evacuees](#)

This CMS memo covers coverage options for recent Afghan evacuees.

[Health Coverage of Immigrants](#)

This recent fact sheet by the Kaiser family Foundation covers challenges and opportunities related to coverage for immigrants.

[Racism, Inequality, and Health Care for African Americans](#)

This brief from the Century Foundation explores coverage gains and obstacles African Americans face in obtaining health coverage and explores a number of policy options that may improve coverage.

[Collaborating with Other Organizations Serving Immigrants](#)

This Assister Promising Practice from the Catalog of Assister Promising Practices describes how Latino Healthcare Forum in Austin, Texas provides educational outreach and health care enrollment assistance for the uninsured and underinsured seeking to obtain coverage through the Affordable Care Act.

Special Populations Help

This is a compilation of resources covering enrollment for a variety of populations including American Indians and immigrants.

Common Complex Scenarios: Transitioning from Medicaid Coverage to Other Health Coverage

This presentation covers the complex switch from individuals receiving Medicaid to Marketplace or employer coverage.

GENERAL RESOURCES

Options for State Medicaid Programs During COVID-19 Emergency

On March 13, 2020, a national emergency was declared, in accordance with the Stafford Act, for the entire United States in response to the COVID-19 crisis. Previously, on Jan. 31, 2020, then U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Azar declared a public health emergency for the entire United States in accordance with the Public Health Services Act.

Medicaid Options for States During COVID-19: Considerations for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

This fact sheet explores Medicaid policy options for states to meet the needs of children and youth with special health care needs during the public health emergency and discusses how future rollbacks of public health emergency modifications may affect children and youth with special health care needs populations.

Increasing Access to Health Care: Access Provisions in the CARES Act

On March 27, 2020, Congress passed the \$2 trillion Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act in order to provide relief to individuals, businesses, and specific government divisions impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The following is a summary of key provisions that increase access to health care, particularly for low-income or uninsured individuals.



Best practices for increasing vaccination rates among Medicaid enrollees

RESOURCES FROM THE U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC)^{1,2,3}

COVID-19 Vaccine Equity for Racial and Ethnic Minority Groups

This resource provides an overview of considerations for COVID-19 vaccine equity for racial and ethnic minority groups, including communication and educational resources.

How to Tailor COVID-19 Vaccine Information to Your Specific Audience

This resource describes a three-step process tailoring messaging and materials to a specific audience.

12 COVID-19 Vaccination Strategies for Your Community Field Guide

Developed by [Vaccinate with Confidence](#), the COVID-19 Vaccination Field Guide outlines selected strategies to help increase vaccine confidence and uptake. These strategies were drawn from historical (nonCOVID-19) vaccination efforts and supported by positive outcomes from evaluation research. Field guide users can submit feedback and strategy examples to confidenceconsults@cdc.gov.

Guide for Awardees to Increase Vaccine Uptake

In January 2021, CDC released a Guide for Awardees for the 64 state and local health department awardees to support them in using \$6.7 billion in funding for community-driven approaches to develop, implement, and monitor strategies.

A Guide for Community Partners: Increasing COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake Among Members of Racial and Ethnic Minority Communities

The Guide for Community Partners is a complementary resource specific to community-based organizations that includes practical ways to get involved, best practices, one-pagers, linked resources, data, and more to help guide organizations' efforts. Also available in [Spanish](#).

COVID-19 Vaccine Equity: Best Practices for Community and Faith-Based Organizations

CDC released this short two-pager that provides an overview of strategies and interventions detailed in the Guide for Community Partners.

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/health-equity/resources.html>

² <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/health-equity/vaccine-equity.html>

³ <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/hcp/tailoring-information.html>

Expanding COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution to Primary Care Providers to Address Disparities in Immunization

The Guide for Jurisdictions to Expand COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution to Primary Care Providers outlines a data-driven approach that jurisdictions can use to increase vaccination opportunities provided by primary care providers and medical offices, especially in communities that are socially marginalized

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Strategies to Increase COVID-19 Vaccination Rates in Medicaid Enrollees

This report from the National Academy for State Health Policy and the Duke Margolis Center for Health Policy explores how states are tackling the challenge of identifying gaps in vaccine access among their Medicaid populations and provides examples of promising strategies to improve COVID-19 vaccination rates among Medicaid beneficiaries.

How Can States Improve COVID-19 Vaccination Rates in Their Medicaid Programs?

With lower COVID-19 vaccination rates than the general population, people enrolled in Medicaid have higher rates of infection, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19. States and health plans can employ promising strategies, like using data to monitor progress and reducing barriers to vaccination, to increase COVID-19 vaccination rates among Medicaid beneficiaries.

Lessons Learned from the Early COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout

Three interrelated challenges are impacting the early rollout of COVID-19 vaccines: vaccine scarcity, distribution, and communication. Researchers at the Georgia Health Policy Center examined top-performing states to identify innovative practices and policies.

COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout in Rural Communities: Challenges, Innovations, and Unmet Needs

This is a summary of learnings around local rollout challenges, stories of success and innovation for overcoming barriers to vaccine rollout, and a summary of unmet local needs.