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The State Coverage Insurance Program (SCI) is a health insurance initiative authorized through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as a HIFA 1115 waiver in 2002 and implemented under Governor Richardson in July 2005. It is designed to cover low income, uninsured, working adults in a primarily employer-based model through a comprehensive health benefit package, cost sharing and nominal sliding-scale co-payments based on income. SCI is a true public-private partnership, funded with federal dollars through the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) allotment, state general fund and private contribution.

The SCHIP budget allotment through waiver authority allowed an approximate total of 40,000 adults to enroll over the course of the waiver, a five-year demonstration period, July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2010. Projected SCI enrollment for October 1, 2008 is 35,000 adults. This is well beyond the projected enrollment at this point in time in the waiver.

CMS requires that waiver enrollment complies with available funding. Enrollment is approaching maximum capacity. The New Mexico Human Services Department, through *Insure New Mexico!*, is instituting a registration process to manage enrollment for those who wish to register and become enrolled as funding becomes available. Details on the registration process will be available on the *Insure New Mexico!* website <http://www.insurenewmexico.state.nm.us/SCIHome.htm> or by calling the *Insure New Mexico!* Solutions Center at 1-888-997-2583.

Applicants who have already completed the eligibility process and are eligible to enroll and those who have submitted eligibility applications to the Income Support Division's SCI Central Processing Units or the *Insure New Mexico!* office will be able to complete the enrollment process at this time. Those whose applications were received on or after September 12 will have enrollment managed through the registration process on a first come, first served basis.

Current State Coverage Insurance members will continue the program and be allowed to recertify eligibility at their twelve-month certification period.

States with similar waivers institute enrollment processes that are monitored by CMS. These states open enrollment periodically as more funding becomes available. Some examples include: Arizona, Washington and Pennsylvania.

Here are some interesting facts about the SCI program:

- One thousand employer groups have obtained coverage on the program
- Residents in twenty-nine of New Mexico counties participate in the program
- Average employer group size is 9.2
- Major industrial categories include: food service, hospitality, retail, health care, educational services

Thanks for your continued support of the *Insure New Mexico!* programs!