

STRENGTHENING MEDICAID AS A CRITICAL LEVER IN BUILDING A CULTURE OF HEALTH

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MEDICAID's Role – Culture of Health

- Largest Public Insurer
 - Low income and medically vulnerable families
 - Facile – accommodates changing needs
- Health care as entry point for more comprehensive responses to address social determinants of health
- Medicaid as partner, not piggybank

MEDICAID's Role – Culture of Health

- **COVERAGE**

- Facilitate enrollment/access
- Continuity of coverage

- **Benefits / Payment Reform**

- Health / Long Term Services and Support
- Goal: Children ready for school, adult able to work, persons with disabilities supported in community
- Better align federal health nutrition, housing, social supports
- More experimentation / fast track approval for health improvement demonstrations
- Support Medicaid's unique role - safety net; populations for whom English is not primary language

MEDICAID's Role – Culture of Health

- CHALLENGES FOR FUTURE

- Ensure Medicaid's core mission as largest source of public health insurance
 - Strengthening its role to improve health
 - Respecting need for budget limits and efficient program management
- Medicaid as innovator.