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NYC BUDGET UPDATE: 2014-2015 & CHIP REAUTHORIZATION



CITY BUDGET UPDATE: FY2015

- Overall, this year's budget spends about 7% more than last year's budget
 - Many crucial initiatives had funding “base-lined”
 - Several proposals newly added or expanded
- Much of the budget takes a health disparities and social determinants focus:
 - ***Center for Health Equity***
 - Adds \$2.1 million in city funds (\$3.3m total) for the Center for Health Equity to target chronic health issues in the neighborhoods with the highest premature mortality rates
 - ***Community Schools***
 - City moving towards the increased development/use of the community schools model
 - \$250,000 for FY 2015
 - ***Free School Lunch***
 - \$6.25 million



CITY BUDGET UPDATE: OTHER IMPORTANT ITEMS

- Restorations and additions to mental health contracts for children (children under 5, court involved youth, and more)
- Additions for infant, maternal, and reproductive health in schools and homes
 - A new Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative funded by the City Council
- Funding for School Health
 - \$1.3 million added for school nurses
 - Restored and base-lined funding for select SBHCs
 - Community schools
- Several initiatives to reduce housing instability among children
 - On Tuesday, July 15th, 23,486 children slept in shelters



CHIP REAUTHORIZATION

- The ACA reauthorizes the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) through 2019
- ***CHIP in New York***
 - “Combined Program”
 - Expanded Medicaid for Children (up to 150% FPL)
 - Child Health Plus (up to 400% FPL)
 - 88,000 enrolled through the Marketplace
 - Right now, federal government covers 65% of the costs of CHIP
 - As planned, the ACA would bump that up to 88% in FY 2016
- Funding for CHIP is set to end on September 30, 2015 – **Unless we do something!**



WITH THE ACA, WHY DO WE NEED CHIP?

- **CHIP benefits are child-appropriate.**
 - Child focused benefit package
- **CHIP is affordable for families.**
 - No or low-cost premium, zero cost-sharing
 - Families will face higher cost-sharing on Marketplace
- **CHIP provides access to child health providers.**
 - Adequate pediatric networks
- **CHIP funding must be extended this year.**
 - Contingency plans drain limited DOH resources



WHAT CAN WE ALL DO?

- Senator Rockefeller (D-WV) has introduced a bill to extend CHIP funding through 2019.
- CHIP still has some bipartisan support, but needs a push from families, advocates and providers.
- Show that families enjoy and need CHIP!

