

Access HealthColumbus

*To improve access to health care in our community,
particularly for those most vulnerable,
by convening public-private partners
and coordinating innovative solutions*

Activity Update

September 2009

The National Struggle for Health Care Reform in America

Most of the national “reform” debate is focused on increasing affordable health care (insurance) coverage. We know from our work and learning in the community that having insurance coverage does not equal access to patient-centered health care.

While we applaud more affordable insurance coverage, we strongly believe that communities should continue to improve access to the right care, at the right place, at the right time!

Working together, our public-private partnership is demonstrating the value of collaboration to improve access to health care for all people in our community. We hope you find the information in this newsletter of interest. We welcome your feedback and suggestions.

We have developed a briefing on the national struggle for health care reform in America. Please let us know if you would like to host an informative, non-partisan briefing on this important topic with your colleagues by contacting Jeff Biehl, president of Access HealthColumbus, at jbiehl@accesshealthcolumbus.org or (614) 884-2440 x214.

Our Strategic Areas of Focus

The work of Access HealthColumbus’ public-partnership is focused in the following areas:

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Improving care coordination</p> <p><i>The fragmentation of our delivery system is a fundamental contributor to the poor overall performance of the U.S. health care system.</i></p> <p>Projects:</p> <p>Central Ohio Care Coordination— In collaboration with Central Ohio Hospital Council and Central Ohio Trauma System, we are working to improve patient-centered care coordination across emergency departments and with community health centers for all people in central Ohio.</p> <p>Patient- Centered Medical Home — We are coordinating the advancement of patient-centered medical home innovation in collaboration with health plans, providers, employers, and patients.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">access to affordable primary care</p> <p><i>Over 142,000 adults have no usual place/source of health care in Franklin County , an increase of 43% over the past 4 years</i></p> <p>Projects:</p> <p>Electronic Health Records in Community Health Centers — We are coordinating efforts to advance the adoption of health information technology (HIT) in community health centers.</p> <p>Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Planning Collaborative— We are coordinating efforts to increase access to affordable primary care provided by the FQHCs in our community.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">access to affordable prescription drugs</p> <p><i>Over 146,000 adults went without needed prescription medications in Franklin County , an increase of 40% over the past 4 years</i></p> <p>Projects:</p> <p>Charitable ('Bridge') Pharmacy— In collaboration with West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church, we are working to improve access to affordable prescription drugs.</p> |
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Latino (Immigrant) Health Connector—
 We are facilitating efforts to improve the coordination of health care and health education for employed immigrants, starting with Latinos in our community.

Want to learn more about our work in the community?

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