Access to Care

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Supporting Safety Net Provider Capacity

- CHRC business plan in February 2012 – specific recommendations to bolster capacity of safety net providers:
  1. Transition from grant-based revenue models to billing third-party payers (more sustainable);
  2. Promoting IT/EMR adoption and administrative efficiencies;
  3. Supporting workforce development; and
  4. Leverage public-private partnerships.
Access to Care Regional Forums

- Launched in early 2013, Access to Care Program is designed to help promote robust participation of safety net providers (history of serving low-income/uninsured) in new health insurance options made available under Affordable Care Act.

- Promote continuity of care for newly insured.

- Prepare to meet the expected demand for new health services by Maryland’s newly insured (estimated to be 250,000).

- Interagency program of DHMH, Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, and CHRC.
Access to Care Regional Forums

Invited safety net provider organizations, Medicaid Managed Care Organizations, and commercial carriers to attend six regional networking forums held earlier this summer:

- **Southern Maryland**: June 6
- **Eastern Shore**: June 10
- **Central Maryland**: June 12
- **Western Maryland**: June 18
- **Washington Metro region**: June 20
- **Baltimore Metro region**: June 25

A total of 363 individuals, representing 191 organizations, attended the forums.
Access to Care Regional Forums

- Encourage providers to establish contacts with MCOs and carriers participating in their regions
- Provide information about safety net providers to MCOs and carriers
- Promote network development
Safety Net Capacity-building Efforts

The CHRC is scheduled to release its Call for Proposals later this month to solicit grant applications. There is just under $3M to award in new grant funding this fiscal year.

The Call for Proposals is expected to include efforts to provide technical assistance and support safety net capacity-building efforts.

The CHRC was recently awarded a $50,000 grant from Kaiser Permanente to support Maryland's safety net capacity building.