Federal Decisions and Local Implications for Health Care

What happens at the national level affects us locally here in Delaware. We have to be aware of how federal decisions have implications for our state’s children. For example, Medicaid is a federal-state partnership that guarantees coverage for the most vulnerable children, and covers over 100,000 kids in DE. Potential changes to the Affordable Care Act now being examined include a Medicaid restructuring with reduced federal funding that will force states to pit children’s needs against other vulnerable groups, including individuals with disabilities and the elderly. Currently federal matching funds to states expand or shrink as the number of individuals enrolled or the cost of providing services changes based on need. Proposals like block grants or per capita caps that set limits on federal Medicaid funding—which accounts for 58 percent of all federal funding received by Delaware—will shift financial risk to the state to fill the gaps.

Understanding the Racial Wealth Gap —A New Report

A new report from The Institute on Assets and Social Policy explores the racial wealth gap between African-American, Latino, and white households. The report explains how changing individual behavior in areas such as education, family structure, full- or part-time employment, and personal consumption habits would not reverse the economic harm done by structural racism. Further, the findings reveal that similar achievements do not lead to similar rewards in terms of wealth for whites and households of color. The investigation highlights that the ongoing structural barriers to wealth equality in the U.S. cannot be combated at the individual or household level. Instead, public policy is needed to eliminate racial wealth disparities.

Save the Date

Mark your calendars for Thursday April 27th, 2017 for our annual event, “Data You Can Count On, the State of Delaware’s Children”
Del-Tech Terry Campus-Dover, DE
10:00AM to 12:00PM
Registration will open soon

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