Medicare vs. Medicaid

Professions: A variety of health professions

Grade Level: 9-12

All HOTT lesson plans are designed with the purpose of increasing students' awareness of the variety of health careers that are available to them. If possible, invite the corresponding health professional into your classroom to discuss his/her occupation. If this is not an option, use the attached sheet(s) to share this/these career(s) with your students.

Purpose: To educate students about Medicare and Medicaid.

Materials needed: Computer with internet access and worksheet

Duration: 1 class period

Instructions:

- The teacher will hand out the worksheet.
- The teacher will read the directions out loud for the class.
- The teacher will allow students to locate a computer.
- The students are to locate the answers for the worksheet on the internet site provided.

References:

- South Dakota Office of Rural Health

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Directions: Use the following website address to find the answers.

Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/default.asp?

1. What year was Medicare and Medicaid established?

2. Who does Medicare service?

3. Who does Medicaid service?

4. Who is eligible for Medicaid?

5. In 2002, how many people are enrolled in Medicare? What age range was the largest recipient of Medicare services? What race was the largest recipient of Medicare services?

6. In 2004, how many children received Medicaid services?

7. What does SCHIP stand for? What is the goal of SCHIP?

8. What is the goal of the New Freedom Initiative?

9. What is the purpose of the Medicare Modernization Act?

10. Look for a recent press release that interests you. Summarize the press release and write brief reaction to the release. Please print the press release you use and attach the document to the worksheet.

ANSWERS

1. What year was Medicare and Medicaid established?
    1965
    Path: "Medicare" under "Programs" on the left of the screen

2. Who does Medicare service?
    People age 65 or older, some people under age 65 with disabilities, and people   with End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), which is permanent kidney failure   requiring dialysis or a kidney transplant
    Path: "Medicare" under "Programs" on the left of the screen

3. Who does Medicaid service?
    Medicaid is available only to certain low-income individuals and families who fit into an eligibility group that is recognized by federal and state law. Medicaid   does not pay money to the individual; instead, it sends payments directly the   health care providers. Depending on the state, the individual may be asked to   pay a small part of the cost (co- payment) for some medical services.
    Path: "Medicaid" under "Programs" on the left of the screen

4. Who is eligible for Medicaid?
    Pregnant women, children and teenagers, and a person who is aged, blind,   and/or disabled may be eligible for Medicaid.
    Path: "Medicaid" under "Programs" on the left of the screen, eligibility criteria

5. In 2002, how many people are enrolled in Medicare? What age range was the largest recipient of Medicare services? What race was the largest recipient of Medicare services?
    There were a total of 40,488,871 people enrolled for Medicare. Age 65-74 was   the largest recipient of services. Whites received the most Medicare services in   the year 2002.
    Path: "Statistics and Data" under "Topics" on the left of the screen, "Data   Compendium," scroll down to "Populations," "Medicare,"   Enrollment/Demographics"

6. In 2004, how many children received Medicaid services?
    19.6 million children received Medicaid services.
    Path: "Statistics and Data" under "Topics" on the left of the screen, "Data   Compendium," scroll down to "Populations," "Medicaid," "Enrollment and   Beneficiaries"

7. What does SCHIP stand for? What is the goal of SCHIP?
    State's Children Health Insurance Program; the goal is to provide insurance for   low-income children who are not insured by Medicaid.
    Path: "SCHIP" under "Programs" on the left of the screen

8. What is the goal of the New Freedom Initiative?
    The initiative is a nationwide effort to remove barriers to community living for   people of all ages with disabilities and long-term illnesses. It represents an   important step in working to ensure that all Americans have the opportunity to   learn and develop skills,   engage in productive work, choose where to live and participate in community life.
    Path: "New Freedom" under "Programs" on the left of the screen

9. What is the purpose of the Medicare Modernization Act?

    A more modern Medicare brings more affordable health care, prescription drug coverage to all people with Medicare, expanded health plan options, improved health care access for rural Americans, and preventive care services, such as flu   shots and mammograms.

    Path: "Medicare Modernization Act" under "Programs" on the left of the screen

10. Look for a recent press release that interests you. Summarize the press release and write brief reaction to the release. Please print the press release you use and attach the document to the worksheet.

    Path: "Media Center" on the top of the screen and "Press Releases"