The major aim of the 2008 Florida Conference on Medicaid & the Uninsured is to facilitate the discourse between policymakers, researchers, health care providers, and organizations. A cornerstone of this mission is the dissemination of information about innovative programs providing services to underserved populations, and information about research and evaluation findings that can inform policy decisions.

Pursuant to this mission, this year’s conference will include a juried poster session. Submissions should focus on any topic germane to Medicaid or uninsured populations. The intent is to allow a broad range of submissions spanning the spectrum from patient care to program evaluation to research. Posters that have been presented in other forums are eligible and encouraged for submission to this conference.

Posters that are accepted for presentation will be displayed in a dedicated poster area within the meeting venue, and a 45-minute poster review and judging session has been scheduled for the first day of the conference.

DEADLINE: July 15, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.
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Deadline extended to August 15
Step One: Submission of Abstract

Poster abstracts must be submitted and reviewed to ensure that their focus is relevant and appropriate for the conference. Provided that the subject matter is found to be acceptable, the corresponding author will receive a confirmation that the poster has been accepted for submission. Please note that only those posters that have been submitted and confirmed as meeting the acceptability criteria will be authorized for presentation at the conference.

Format of submissions

Posters must have a title, and at least one author must be listed. Full names, highest academic degrees, and institutional affiliations of all authors should be included. One author should be designated as the corresponding author, and his/her telephone number, fax number, and email address should be given.

Abstracts should total no more than 400 words, and should consist of four clearly delineated paragraphs, labeled: Background, Methods, Results, and Conclusions. Authors should define any acronyms or abbreviations and, where possible, avoid use of technical jargon, since the poster will be viewed by professionals from diverse academic, clinical, and policy backgrounds.

Use the following information as a guide for what to include in each of the 4 paragraphs:

1) Background – Key questions or issues addressed, objective, hypothesis (if applicable).

2) Methods – Participants, measures, procedures, design, and analyses For research studies, be sure to specify the both type of research design employed and the specific statistical tests employed. For investigations involving human subjects, state that the appropriate institutional review board has approved the project.

3) Results – Findings and outcomes. For research studies, include the results of statistical testing and specify the statistical tests employed.

4) Conclusion – Implications for research, clinical care, public health, or education.

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Submission process

Abstracts should be submitted via email. You may either type the text of the abstract directly into the body of an email, or attach a document containing the text. If attaching a document, please use Microsoft Word or a compatible word processing software. Please do not send PDFs. We will be cutting and pasting from your documents to prepare a booklet of all accepted poster abstracts, and we need to be able to select and modify the text freely.

Deadline

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Step Two: Notification Email

The corresponding author will receive an email notification of whether or not the poster has been accepted for presentation at the conference. This email will be sent by August 1, 2008; if the corresponding author does not receive this notification email by August 1, he/she should contact the Center at 352-273-5059.

The confirmation email will include a number assigned to the poster. That number will designate the location where the poster will be mounted at the conference venue.

Step Three: Preparation of posters

Posters may be prepared on any paper stock or medium suitable for mounting to a presentation board of dimensions 4’10” x 5’10”. Authors are responsible for mounting their own posters. Thumb tacks will be provided, but if the author prefers to use a different method for mounting, he or she is free to do so at his/her own expense. Posters should be mounted by 2:00 on Thursday, September 11, and should remain posted until the conclusion of the conference on Friday, September 12 at 3:15.

Step Four: Poster session and judging

A 45-minute poster session has been scheduled for 3:00-3:45 on Thursday, September 11, 2008. (Authors should check the conference agenda upon check-in for schedule changes.) One author must be present for the session and must be available to answer questions during the review period.
A panel of judges will review each poster and will determine the overall best poster, which will be recognized during the awards presentation on day two. Additional awards may be given (e.g., a popular choice award, a category-specific award), depending on the diversity and quantity of the posters accepted for presentation.

Evaluation criteria for the panel judging will include:

1. Quality and originality
2. Potential to impact policy, practice, or research
3. Relevance to current policy, practice, or research
4. Clarity of writing and presentation

Contact

For questions about the poster session, please contact the Florida Center for Medicaid & the Uninsured at fcmu@phhp.ufl.edu, or 352-273-5059.

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