



FEDERAL FUNDING FOR CHIP IS CRITICAL FOR PENNSYLVANIA'S CHILDREN

AFFORDABLE, QUALITY HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR KIDS

- Today, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and Medicaid cover more than 1.3 million Pennsylvania children, with CHIP serving more than 170,000 kids.
- CHIP covers regular doctor visits, vision and dental care, prescriptions and more for children under 19 whose parents earn too much to qualify for Medicaid but not enough to buy insurance on their own. Coverage is provided through private insurance companies that have contracts with the commonwealth.
- Together, Medicaid, CHIP and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) have reduced Pennsylvania's uninsured rate for children to just 4.1%. Children who have health coverage are not only healthier, but research shows that they do better in school, and are more likely to graduate and get better jobs with higher wages.

A SUCCESSFUL, FEDERAL-STATE PARTNERSHIP

- CHIP has a history of strong, bipartisan support among Pennsylvania's state and federal legislators and the public.
- Federal funding for CHIP is critical to continuing its success. Currently, in Pennsylvania CHIP relies on the federal government for about 89% of its funding, with the state paying the remaining costs.
- Congress must extend CHIP funding past September 2017; otherwise, Pennsylvania will run out of federal CHIP funds in early 2018.

OUR ASK: PROVIDE FEDERAL FUNDING FOR CHIP BEYOND SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

- We are well on our way to insuring all Pennsylvania children, and don't want to reverse our progress.
- If federal CHIP funding is not renewed in 2017, the commonwealth would have to make up the shortfall or children would lose health insurance coverage. Finding additional state funding for CHIP would be extremely difficult in the current state fiscal climate.
- Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children encourages Pennsylvania's congressional delegation to support a clean, five-year extension of CHIP funding beyond the end of the current federal fiscal year. This extension is crucial to ensure stability in the program, and, most importantly, to the kids it serves.

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