

# Medicaid and CHIP Matter for PA Kids

Today, Medicaid covers more than **1.2 million** Pennsylvania children and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) serves more than **181,000** kids.

## More than 40% of Pennsylvania's Kids Receive Medicaid and CHIP

Both Medicaid and CHIP provide comprehensive health care coverage for children, including primary and preventative care services.

Medicaid and CHIP provide coverage for children living in low-income families and children living in and aging out of foster care. In addition, Medicaid serves as secondary insurance for children with disabilities living in higher income families.

## Medicaid, CHIP and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) have reduced Pennsylvania's uninsured rate for children to just 4.4%

### Health Coverage = Healthy Kids and a Stronger Pennsylvania

Medicaid isn't a handout. It is health insurance for children in working families, so parents don't have to choose between taking their kids to the doctor or paying for family essentials like food, utilities and clothing. Medicaid fills the gap for working families who might have seasonal or hourly work that doesn't offer benefits.

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.

### CHIP 10-Year Federal Reauthorization: A Great Step Forward

CHIP has been reauthorized at the state level and federal lawmakers reached an historic, bipartisan commitment earlier this year to provide federal funding for CHIP for the next 10 years. This provides stability for the program until 2028 - a huge win for the 181,000 children enrolled in Pennsylvania and their families.

We must ensure that any move to reverse our progress is unsuccessful, so that we can keep Pennsylvania children covered.

### CHIP is Built on a Strong Medicaid Program for Kids

Medicaid has been a resounding success. For more than 50 years, the federal government has matched state Medicaid spending on health and long-term care for low-income children and other populations.

In 2017 we successfully fought back serious threats to the Medicaid program that would have created barriers for the 1.2 million Pennsylvania children who rely on it for their health coverage. Having reached an all-time low for the number of uninsured children in Pennsylvania, we are well on our way to insuring *all* Pennsylvania children.

We must remain vigilant and address any future threats to Medicaid head on, so that Pennsylvania children can continue to rely on the program.

## What Benefits Do Medicaid and CHIP Provide?

This coverage ensures children get regular checkups to monitor their development. Children receive routine immunizations and screenings to detect any vision and hearing problems and identify early any delays or disabilities.

### Benefits include:



- Regular doctor visits
- Dental and orthodontic care
- Vision services including eyeglasses
- Hospital care including ER visits, laboratory tests and x-rays
- Prescriptions
- Behavioral health services

*Coverage is provided through private insurance companies that have contracts with the commonwealth.*

# Pennsylvania Children Enrolled in CHIP and Medicaid by Congressional District

*US House District	US House Member	Children enrolled in Medicaid (December 2017)	Children enrolled in CHIP (August 2017)	Total Child Enrollment in Medicaid or CHIP	Estimated Percent of Population of Children
1	Rep. Bob Brady (D)	115,097	12,062	104,700	55%
2	Rep. Dwight Evans (D)	96,340	8,360	72,549	41%
3	Rep. Mike Kelly (R)	64,508	8,041	76,257	41%
4	Rep. Scott Perry (R)	65,066	11,191	62,255	35%
5	Rep. Glenn Thompson (R)	54,469	7,786	49,660	26%
6	Rep. Ryan Costello (R)	41,211	8,449	41,882	22%
7	VACANT	33,963	7,919	49,276	28%
8	Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R)	39,522	9,754	75,117	43%
9	Rep. Bill Shuster (R)	64,224	10,893	66,299	38%
10	Rep. Tom Marino (R)	56,916	9,383	74,586	43%
11	Rep. Lou Barletta (R)	64,906	9,680	53,236	33%
12	Rep. Keith Rothfus (R)	45,065	8,171	91,375	48%
13	Rep. Brendan Boyle (D)	78,776	12,599	75,991	48%
14	Rep. Mike Doyle (D)	67,535	8,456	75,390	40%
15	VACANT	63,801	11,589	91,948	44%
16	Rep. Lloyd Smucker (R)	77,533	14,415	80,800	47%
17	Rep. Matt Cartwright (D)	71,422	9,378	49,712	30%
18	Rep. Conor Lamb (D)	41,598	8,114	104,700	55%
<b>**Statewide</b>	<b>Sen. Bob Casey (D) Sen. Pat Toomey (R)</b>	<b>1,141,952</b>	<b>176,240</b>	<b>1,318,192</b>	<b>41%</b>

\* Based on 2011 statewide congressional districts map

\*\* The totals above will not match the enrollment counts on the prior page provided monthly by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services due to report timing differences.



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