

Medicaid & CHIP Coverage is Essential for PA Kids

Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provide comprehensive health care coverage, including primary and preventative care services, 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.

Statewide, about 41 percent of kids get their coverage through these two programs, and this coverage is just as critical in rural areas as it is in urban areas and everywhere in between.

More than 1 million Pennsylvania Children are covered by Medicaid and about 180,000 are covered by CHIP.



Research shows that the long-term benefits of childhood health care coverage last through adulthood, including better health outcomes, lower rates of mortality, stronger educational and economic achievements, and a significant return on public investment.

Supporting these necessary health insurance programs guarantees your youngest constituents the opportunity to grow up healthy and lead productive lives.

THE BENEFITS OF MEDICAID

The Medicaid benefit package for children - Early, Periodic, Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) - is crucial and robust. States must provide comprehensive services and furnish all appropriate and medically necessary services needed to correct and improve health conditions. Medicaid benefits include but are not limited to primary care, dental, vision and hearing coverage.

Benefits also include preventive care - screening, diagnosing and treating children - which is cost-effective and can preempt complicated treatments and conditions later in life.

Children are by far the least expensive Medicaid population, with the lowest cost per enrollee of ANY eligibility group.

THE IMPORTANCE OF CHIP

CHIP stands on the shoulders of Medicaid and in 2018 federal lawmakers reached an historic, bipartisan commitment to provide federal stability for the program until 2028 - a huge win for the nearly 180,000 children enrolled in Pennsylvania and their families. Please keep PA kids covered and oppose any plan that would reverse our progress. Also, it is important to note that the state law authorizing the CHIP program in Pennsylvania must be acted on by the end of 2019 to ensure the continuation of the program at the state level.



As members of Pennsylvania's congressional delegation, we urge your support of the Medicaid and CHIP Programs during the 116th session of Congress.

Pennsylvania Children Enrolled in CHIP and Medicaid by Congressional District

District	Congressman	MA Enrollment <19 Years (Sep 2018)	CHIP Enrollment <19 Years (Sep 2018)	Total Child Enrollment (Sep 2018)	Estimated Percent of Child Population	Estimated Percent of Total Population
1	Brian Fitzpatrick (R)	37,109	10,169	47,278	28%	7%
2	Brendan Boyle (D)	112,206	13,624	125,830	66%	18%
3	Dwight Evans (D)	86,353	8,219	94,572	63%	13%
4	Madeleine Dean (D)	39,847	8,775	48,622	28%	7%
5	Mary Gay Scanlon (D)	64,552	10,734	75,286	43%	11%
6	Chrissy Houlahan (D)	53,526	10,441	63,967	34%	9%
7	Susan Wild (D)	64,105	11,980	76,085	44%	11%
8	Matt Cartwright (D)	69,265	9,551	78,816	49%	11%
9	Dan Meuser (R)	51,586	9,999	61,585	39%	9%
10	Scott Perry (R)	63,809	10,812	74,621	44%	11%
11	Lloyd Smucker (R)	51,673	13,042	64,715	35%	9%
12	Tom Marino (R)	49,256	8,735	57,991	37%	8%
13	John Joyce (R)	54,848	11,811	66,659	41%	9%
14	Guy Reschenthaler (R)	50,904	9,239	60,143	40%	9%
15	Glenn Thompson (R)	50,698	8,583	59,281	39%	8%
16	Mike Kelly (R)	60,818	8,200	69,018	41%	10%
17	Conor Lamb (D)	39,303	8,035	47,338	30%	7%
18	Mike Doyle (D)	54,183	7,979	62,162	44%	9%
Statewide	Sen. Bob Casey (D) Sen. Pat Toomey (R)	1,054,041	179,928	1,233,969	41%	10%



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Note: The totals above will not match the enrollment counts provided monthly by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services due to report timing differences. Monthly Medicaid child enrollment includes youth ages 19-20: an additional 91,552 youth ages 19-20 were also served in September 2018. CHIP data does not reflect the 23 youth who turned 19 in September 2018.