

# Medicaid & CHIP Provide Quality Health Insurance for Half of Pennsylvania Kids

Over the past year, much has happened in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) that has changed how families apply for or renew public health insurance for their children.

## Medicaid Unwinding

Last spring, Pennsylvania began the process of unwinding from the Medicaid continuous coverage provision, which prohibited states from disenrolling individuals during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Once the provision expired, states resumed the process of Medicaid renewals to determine whether enrollees still qualify for coverage.

## CHIP Eligibility System Transition

Coming on the heels of the Medicaid unwinding, DHS moved forward with an IT eligibility systems transition that shifted the process of applications and renewals from CHIP MCOs to DHS County Assistance Offices (CAOs). CHIP families and all new enrollees must go through DHS to determine who qualifies for CHIP instead of their health insurance plans.

What hasn't changed is that Medicaid and CHIP continue to offer comprehensive health coverage, including access to medications, well-child visits, vaccinations, and more for children in every community across the Commonwealth.



**51% of Pennsylvania children rely on Medicaid or CHIP to meet their health care needs.**

## Have you lost Medicaid? Here's what to do next.

\*Some kids may have lost health coverage by mistake. Almost half of the PA children who lost coverage during the Medicaid unwinding process were due to procedural or paperwork reasons, not eligibility. Check to see if your child is still eligible. Visit [dhs.pa.gov/Compass](https://dhs.pa.gov/Compass) or call the Customer Service Center at 1-877-385-8930 or 1-215-560-7226 (Philadelphia).

\*Children no longer eligible for Medicaid can transition their health coverage to CHIP for free or at a low cost

based on household income. CHIP fills the gap for families who don't qualify for Medicaid yet can't afford private health insurance. Visit [chipcoverspakids.com](https://chipcoverspakids.com) or call the CHIP Helpline at 1-800-986-KIDS (5437).

**Losing health coverage and access to care can result in poorer health outcomes early on and later in life.**

**Medicaid and CHIP are open for enrollment 365 days of the year. Sign up TODAY for free or low-cost coverage through [dhs.pa.gov/Compass](https://dhs.pa.gov/Compass)**

## Policy Spotlight: 12-month continuous eligibility

Federal law required states to implement 12 months of continuous coverage for children in Medicaid and CHIP beginning January 2024. While PA already had this policy in CHIP and for children under 4 in Medicaid, the new requirement will expand to include all children in Medicaid. A 12-month continuous eligibility policy creates a more efficient system, reduces administrative burden, protects children from harmful gaps in care, and provides peace of mind for low-income parents.

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Party Affiliation	District	Representative	MA Eligibility <19 Years (Sep 2023)	CHIP Eligibility <19 Years (Sep 2023)	Total Child Eligibility (Sep 2023)	Estimated Percent of Child Population	Estimated Percent of the Total Population
D	1	Harkins	12,578	630	13,208	86%	20%
D	2	Merski	8,488	635	9,123	63%	14%
D	3	Bizzarro	4,743	629	5,372	39%	8%
R	4	Banta	6,755	688	7,443	51%	12%
R	5	Jozwiak	3,879	843	4,722	33%	7%
R	6	Roae	6,025	654	6,679	51%	10%
R	7	Wentling	7,914	655	8,569	62%	13%
R	8	Bernstine	3,980	706	4,686	36%	7%
R	9	Brown, M.	7,313	673	7,986	59%	13%
D	10	Brown, A.	9,373	473	9,846	83%	16%
R	11	Mustello	5,283	736	6,019	45%	9%
R	12	Scialabba	2,777	516	3,293	22%	5%
R	13	Lawrence	4,891	1,058	5,949	36%	9%
R	14	Marshall	5,875	739	6,614	50%	10%
R	15	Kail	5,189	729	5,918	45%	9%
D	16	Matzie	6,846	733	7,579	57%	12%
R	17	Bonner	4,678	680	5,358	40%	8%
R	18	Tomlinson	6,080	1,103	7,183	56%	11%
D	19	Abney	9,856	415	10,271	88%	17%
D	20	Kinkead	3,756	562	4,318	39%	7%
D	21	Powell	3,129	446	3,575	38%	6%
D	22	Siegel	13,796	1,326	15,122	86%	24%
D	23	Frankel	1,509	237	1,746	20%	3%
D	24	Mayes	6,117	349	6,466	67%	11%
D	25	Markosek	6,310	848	7,158	57%	11%
D	26	Friel	3,721	543	4,264	30%	7%

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D	27	Deasy	5,135	458	5,593	52%	9%
R	28	Mercuri	2,193	450	2,643	17%	4%
D	29	Brennan	2,069	398	2,467	18%	4%
D	30	Venkat	2,117	396	2,513	17%	4%
D	31	Warren	1,764	364	2,128	15%	3%
D	32	McAndrew	5,811	769	6,580	52%	10%
D	33	Steele	4,381	570	4,951	39%	8%
D	34	Salisbury	6,882	562	7,444	65%	12%
D	35	Gergely	10,199	656	10,855	81%	17%
D	36	Benham	6,336	597	6,933	63%	11%
R	37	Fee	3,891	939	4,830	32%	7%
D	38	Pisciottano	5,948	818	6,766	54%	11%
R	39	Kuzma	4,659	723	5,382	41%	8%
R	40	Mihalek	2,795	512	3,307	22%	5%
R	41	Miller, B.	6,127	1,029	7,156	49%	11%
D	42	Miller, D.	2,969	468	3,437	24%	5%
R	43	Greiner	4,658	1,135	5,793	34%	9%
R	44	Gaydos	3,399	590	3,989	27%	6%
D	45	Kulik	5,457	626	6,083	49%	9%
R	46	Ortitay	4,222	753	4,975	33%	7%
R	47	D'Orsie	5,590	930	6,520	43%	10%
R	48	O'Neal	6,151	717	6,868	54%	10%
D	49	Smith-Wade-El	10,502	1,202	11,704	74%	19%
R	50	Cook	7,255	732	7,987	60%	12%
R	51	Krupa	7,764	826	8,590	66%	13%
R	52	Warner	7,064	793	7,857	63%	12%

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D	53	Malagari	5,255	1,056	6,311	45%	10%
D	54	Scott	9,460	909	10,369	68%	16%
R	55	Cooper	5,427	709	6,136	48%	9%
R	56	Dunbar	4,576	797	5,373	40%	8%
R	57	Nelson, E.	5,094	731	5,825	49%	9%
R	58	Davanzo	5,956	845	6,801	52%	11%
R	59	Rossi	4,686	711	5,397	44%	8%
R	60	Major	5,637	832	6,469	51%	10%
D	61	Hanbidge	2,326	451	2,777	21%	4%
R	62	Struzzi	5,414	612	6,026	48%	9%
R	63	Oberlander	5,909	805	6,714	49%	10%
R	64	James	7,055	801	7,856	57%	13%
R	65	Rapp	5,324	461	5,785	45%	9%
R	66	Smith	5,996	826	6,822	47%	11%
R	67	Causer	6,309	619	6,928	53%	11%
R	68	Owlett	6,678	754	7,432	53%	12%
R	69	Metzgar	5,344	710	6,054	49%	9%
D	70	Bradford	3,215	536	3,751	28%	6%
R	71	Rigby	4,966	619	5,585	46%	9%
D	72	Burns	7,902	609	8,511	64%	13%
R	73	Kephart	6,130	678	6,808	57%	11%
D	74	Williams, D.	7,699	956	8,655	52%	13%
R	75	Armanini	5,706	606	6,312	49%	10%
R	76	Borowicz	5,235	649	5,884	42%	9%
D	77	Conklin	2,078	343	2,421	24%	4%
R	78	Topper	5,848	1,006	6,854	53%	11%

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R	79	Schmitt	7,900	752	8,652	67%	14%
R	80	Gregory	5,406	775	6,181	46%	10%
R	81	Irvin	6,139	897	7,036	49%	11%
D	82	Takac	2,026	304	2,330	28%	4%
R	83	Flick	7,258	715	7,973	59%	12%
R	84	Hamm	5,093	740	5,833	44%	9%
R	85	Rowe	4,946	849	5,795	39%	9%
R	86	Stambaugh	5,347	918	6,265	43%	10%
R	87	Kutz	4,107	710	4,817	34%	7%
R	88	Delozier	4,745	822	5,567	39%	8%
R	89	Kauffman	7,409	1,311	8,720	57%	13%
R	90	Schemel	5,389	1,008	6,397	42%	10%
R	91	Moul	4,602	996	5,598	42%	9%
R	92	Keefer	4,940	810	5,750	38%	9%
R	93	Jones, M.	4,454	765	5,219	36%	8%
R	94	Fink	5,606	943	6,549	45%	10%
D	95	Hill-Evans	14,350	1,108	15,458	87%	24%
D	96	Sturla	5,476	866	6,342	48%	10%
R	97	Mentzer	4,423	986	5,409	37%	8%
R	98	Jones, T.	4,810	942	5,752	39%	9%
R	99	Zimmerman	4,122	1,095	5,217	31%	8%
R	100	Cutler	4,140	841	4,981	26%	8%
R	101	Schlegel	8,769	1,110	9,879	63%	15%
R	102	Diamond	4,686	967	5,653	37%	9%
D	103	Kim	8,716	717	9,433	69%	15%
D	104	Madsen	12,596	908	13,504	78%	21%

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D	105	Fleming	8,029	1,118	9,147	67%	15%
R	106	Mehaffie	4,518	660	5,178	35%	8%
R	107	Stehr	6,983	749	7,732	56%	12%
R	108	Stender	6,062	650	6,712	47%	10%
R	109	Leadbeter	5,304	706	6,010	47%	9%
R	110	Pickett	6,581	867	7,448	53%	12%
R	111	Fritz	6,264	914	7,178	57%	11%
D	112	Mullins	6,381	713	7,094	56%	11%
D	113	Donahue	8,890	766	9,656	70%	15%
D	114	Kosierowski	6,156	691	6,847	52%	11%
D	115	Madden	6,894	886	7,780	54%	12%
R	116	Watro	13,100	1,220	14,320	92%	22%
R	117	Cabell	5,101	664	5,765	49%	9%
D	118	Haddock	5,981	675	6,656	56%	11%
R	119	Ryncavage	9,313	664	9,977	74%	16%
R	120	Kaufer	5,381	690	6,071	52%	10%
D	121	Pashinski	10,784	772	11,556	93%	19%
R	122	Heffley	6,605	803	7,408	56%	11%
R	123	Twardzik	7,696	727	8,423	65%	13%
R	124	Barton	4,975	704	5,679	45%	9%
R	125	Kerwin	4,807	759	5,566	40%	9%
D	126	Rozzi	9,804	1,518	11,322	69%	18%
D	127	Guzman	13,684	1,246	14,930	85%	24%
R	128	Gillen	3,721	762	4,483	32%	7%
D	129	Cepeda-Freytiz	9,154	1,081	10,235	63%	16%
R	130	Maloney	3,865	892	4,757	36%	7%

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R	131	Mackenzie, M.	3,471	660	4,131	27%	6%
D	132	Schlossberg	4,921	925	5,846	43%	9%
D	133	McNeill	7,342	1,182	8,524	63%	13%
D	134	Schweyer	10,475	1,311	11,786	76%	19%
D	135	Samuelson	7,070	930	8,000	57%	12%
D	136	Freeman	6,710	986	7,696	54%	12%
R	137	Emrick	3,604	718	4,322	32%	7%
R	138	Flood	4,271	767	5,038	37%	8%
R	139	Adams	4,854	769	5,623	48%	9%
	140	VACANT	5,390	939	6,329	44%	10%
D	141	Davis	7,644	1,200	8,844	63%	14%
R	142	Hogan	4,010	845	4,855	36%	7%
R	143	Labs	3,392	694	4,086	27%	6%
D	144	Munroe	4,069	820	4,889	35%	8%
R	145	Staats	3,840	856	4,696	35%	7%
D	146	Ciresi	7,354	831	8,185	52%	13%
R	147	Scheuren	3,493	644	4,137	26%	6%
D	148	Daley	2,015	442	2,457	16%	4%
D	149	Briggs	3,293	464	3,757	28%	6%
D	150	Webster	2,975	515	3,490	25%	5%
D	151	Cerrato	2,997	567	3,564	25%	6%
D	152	Guenst	4,339	923	5,262	38%	9%
D	153	Sanchez	3,354	681	4,035	28%	6%
D	154	Nelson, N.	3,545	584	4,129	30%	7%
D	155	Otten	2,907	498	3,405	21%	5%
D	156	Pielli	2,502	369	2,871	21%	4%

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D	157	Shusterman	1,721	311	2,032	13%	3%
D	158	Sappey	3,709	748	4,457	28%	7%
D	159	Kazeem	12,222	811	13,033	85%	21%
R	160	Williams, C.	1,751	359	2,110	14%	3%
D	161	Krueger	5,282	612	5,894	40%	9%
D	162	Delloso	7,529	1,068	8,597	58%	13%
D	163	Boyd	7,605	1,156	8,761	60%	14%
D	164	Curry	11,513	1,134	12,647	78%	20%
D	165	O'Mara	2,313	452	2,765	20%	4%
D	166	Vitali	2,473	507	2,980	20%	5%
D	167	Howard	2,377	433	2,810	19%	4%
D	168	Borowski	1,575	292	1,867	13%	3%
R	169	Klunk	5,307	911	6,218	42%	10%
R	170	White	7,842	932	8,774	66%	14%
R	171	Benninghoff	5,171	728	5,899	39%	9%
D	172	Boyle	8,663	920	9,583	69%	15%
D	173	Gallagher	9,856	866	10,722	76%	17%
D	174	Neilson	9,193	916	10,109	74%	16%
D	175	Isaacson	1,943	229	2,172	31%	4%
R	176	Rader	5,183	773	5,956	46%	9%
D	177	Hohenstein	11,268	980	12,248	81%	20%
R	178	Marcell	2,732	742	3,474	24%	5%
D	179	Dawkins	15,162	875	16,037	89%	26%
D	180	Giral	17,302	709	18,011	96%	29%
D	181	Kenyatta	10,515	289	10,804	100%	17%
D	182	Waxman	1,520	148	1,668	26%	3%

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R	183	Mako	4,930	898	5,828	42%	9%
D	184	Fiedler	8,111	626	8,737	68%	14%
D	185	Young	10,603	770	11,373	79%	18%
D	186	Harris	9,142	584	9,726	77%	16%
R	187	Mackenzie, R.	3,885	782	4,667	30%	7%
D	188	Krajewski	5,569	384	5,953	60%	10%
D	189	Probst	6,792	886	7,678	56%	12%
D	190	Green	13,463	638	14,101	100%	23%
D	191	McClinton	13,745	898	14,643	91%	24%
D	192	Cephas	11,006	841	11,847	82%	19%
R	193	Ecker	5,425	1,048	6,473	45%	10%
D	194	Khan	2,541	307	2,848	33%	5%
D	195	Bullock	10,162	375	10,537	86%	17%
R	196	Grove	5,617	931	6,548	46%	10%
D	197	Burgos	15,902	611	16,513	96%	27%
D	198	Parker	13,254	824	14,078	91%	22%
R	199	Gleim	5,915	820	6,735	48%	11%
D	200	Rabb	6,996	729	7,725	62%	12%
D	201	Kinsey	13,018	717	13,735	90%	21%
D	202	Solomon	14,494	936	15,430	82%	24%
D	203	Bellmon	12,973	1,114	14,087	80%	22%
		<b>Statewide</b>	<b>1,270,019</b>	<b>152,742</b>	<b>1,422,761</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>11%</b>

Note: The totals above will not match the 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 118,571 youth ages 19-20 were served in September 2023. CHIP data is based on eligibility and does not reflect the 1,979 youth who turned 19 in September 2023.



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